

Maine Recovery Communities

Members of this Coalition are people in addiction recovery, treatment & prevention providers and community members. We have been educating ourselves about the peer recovery support programs operating in other states, as well as the national recovery advocacy efforts and recovery-focused research & literature. In addition to this, we have been reviewing the current treatment & service delivery systems in Maine to identify what is missing in our state. This group relies on the leadership and feedback from recovering people to understand what is needed to support recovery achievement & maintenance; and will work strategically to facilitate development of these recovery supports in Maine communities.

We were proud to host a day-long Recovery Forum on October 3, 2008 titled:

A New Beginning to Support Addiction Recovery within our Communities: Drums along the Kennebec

We were delighted that Phil Valentine, Executive Director of CCAR, agreed to be our keynote speaker, and that he joined us during our afternoon break-out discussion groups. This Connecticut Recovery Community Organization that Phil heads up is the national leader in the development of peer recovery support projects, and statewide recovery advocacy. Connecticut's state service delivery system is also the national leader in its development of a 'recovery-oriented system of care'.

During this 10/3 Community Forum, we wrote down the ideas & suggestions from the 60 participants regarding the direction that we should take to develop peer recovery support networks & services within our communities. Our Coalition is using this information as we devise our mission & vision statements and create our strategic action plan. Members want to see change happen as quickly as possible and are committed to working toward planned outcomes.

Maine Recovery Communities recognizes the diverse recovery pathways taken by individuals and families and works on behalf of all recovering people. We welcome new members from all addiction recovery pathways to our monthly Coalition meetings in Augusta and have telephone call-in available for these. Let Deb Dettor at (207)458-4366 or ddettor@masap.org know if you are interested!