

The Dual Recovery Collaborative began in October 2019 as a Central MA area meeting to ensure we had a means of effective communication to provide effective Dual Recovery treatment and support from within the hospital setting to the community. It has quickly expanded to include members from across the commonwealth, as we average approximately 90 participants for our bi-monthly meeting. Members include, but have not been limited to, DMH staff, DMH Providers, DPH/BSAS Recovery Centers, Recovery Learning Communities (RLC), SAFE Coalition, Massachusetts Organization Addiction Recovery (MOAR), Parent Professional Advocacy League (PPal), Open Sky, Learn2Cope, Connect2Recovery, Center for Human Development (CHD), Riverside Community Care, Kiva Centers, Family Recovery and Parenting, DMH Metro Boston Outreach Team, MA Substance Use Helpline, Behavioral Health Helpline (BHHL) and people with lived experience. Each meeting includes time for people to share their contributions to Dual Recovery, offer support for challenging situations, and discuss resources.

Recognizing the challenges faced by individuals DMH supports that are in recovery from substance use Ben Mathews, Worcester Recovery and Center Hospital Psychology Staff, and Val Comerford, Central Massachusetts Area Community Director of Recovery and Employment, collaborated to reduce some of the barriers and challenges. To increase knowledge regarding resources to support, they created the Dual Recovery Collaborative which is a bimonthly forum that provides information through presentations from providers and subject matter experts to increase knowledge regarding recovery and resources. To receive additional information regarding participating in the virtual forum reach out to Val Comerford [valerie.comerford@mass.gov](mailto:valerie.comerford@mass.gov) or Ben Mathews [ben.mathews@mass.gov](mailto:ben.mathews@mass.gov).

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of February, April, June, August, October, and December

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