March 24, 2017
Doubletree Hotel
Westborough, MA

Faces of Addiction:
The Opioid Crisis Conference
Dear Conference Participant,

For over 30 years, the MIAA has been committed to wellness and prevention programming, and has received state and national recognition for its initiatives that empower students to make healthy life choices. The MIAA Pillars of Educational Athletics feature policy, programming, and recognition in the areas of wellness, leadership, community service, coaches’ education, and sportsmanship. Please contact the MIAA Educational Athletics Staff if we can be of any help in planning and implementing wellness programming in your schools and communities.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the many schools and communities represented here today. Thank you for your commitment to this very timely and important conference. To the student leaders in attendance, you have the potential to be a significant, positive influence in the lives of your peers, and in helping those around you make healthy life choices.

Many of us know someone who is battling addiction, or who has succumbed to its powerful hold. Today’s conference features presentations and resource exhibits designed to help us learn more about the science of healthy adolescent brain development; the signs and symptoms of substance use, misuse and addiction; best practices in prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery, and strategies for schools and communities.

Please visit the resource exhibit area and meet members from the MIAA Partners in Prevention and the MIAA Coalition for the Prevention of Youth Substance Misuse, many of whom have resources and programs available to bring to your schools and communities.

If you need assistance at any time today, please visit the registration desk. Thank you again for attending today’s conference.

My best,

Karen Nardone, M.Ed., Certified Prevention Specialist,
MIAA Wellness Coordinator
# Faces of Addiction: The Opioid Crisis Conference

### 7:30-8:15 am Registration, Continental Breakfast
*Please visit the exhibits, review the program & select your workshops.*

### 8:15-9:30 am General Session
**Welcome:** Bill Gaine, *MIAA Executive Director*
**Proclamation:** State Representative Jeffrey Roy
**Conference Logistics:** Karen Nardone, *MIAA Wellness Coordinator*
**Keynote:** Julie K. Johnson, PhD, *Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Mental Health*

### 9:30-9:45 am Transition to Workshops, Resource Exhibits
*At this time, the Ballroom partitions will be closing. Please keep clear!*

### 9:45-10:50 am Workshop Session 1
See program pages 4 & 5 for workshop descriptions and locations.
Please assign members of your group to be represented at each of the different workshops. If a workshop is full, you will be redirected to another session. *Your cooperation is appreciated.*

### 10:50-11:00 am Transition to Workshops, Resource Exhibits

### 11:00 am-12:05 pm Workshop Session 2
See program pages 6 & 7 for workshop descriptions and locations.
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### 12:05 pm Transition to Luncheon
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### 12:15-12:55 pm Luncheon

### 12:55-2:00 pm General Session
**Keynote:** Bill Phillips, *Founder and President, New Beginnings Programs*

### 2:00 pm Adjourn
Ballroom Edgewood

**Addressing the Opioid Epidemic**
Attorney General Healey’s Opiate Task Force work is focused on the intervention between public health and law enforcement with a commitment to those living with addiction by raising awareness of the opioid epidemic; increasing access to naloxone; working in partnership to prevent the tragedies of overdose; removing insurance barriers and other hurdles for treatment; and making efforts to support a safe path for those seeking recovery.

Presented by:
Willie Bodrick, and Ally Trenteseaux, *MA Attorney General’s Office*

Ballroom Chandler

**The Progression of Substance Abuse Addiction**
This dynamic and interactive presentation will include the testimonials of addicts in recovery and family members. Family interventions, counseling and follow-up strategies will be discussed.

Presented by:
Bill Phillips, *Founder/President of New Beginnings Programs*

Ballroom Baldwin

**Justin’s Voice**
Carmen and Marie Lucchese will take you through the all too familiar story of their son Jason’s journey from prescription painkillers to his tragic heroin overdose death in 2014 at the age of 26. Jason was prescribed pain medication following surgery for a sports injury, became addicted, and turned to heroin.

Presented by:
Carmen and Marie Lucchese, *Justin Scott Lucchese Foundation*
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Ballroom Autumn

Wicked Sober: A Guide to Recovery
A personal recovery story, presented by Mike Duggan, discusses the barriers to resources and treatment that he faced, the stigma associated with addiction that his family faced in seeking help, and how his road to recovery led to creating the program Wicked Sober and the development of more than 300 treatment and recovery beds in MA with Recovery Centers of America.
Presented by:
Mike Duggan, Wicked Sober Inc., Recovery Centers of America

Ballroom Viking

Building A Pre-Arrest Addiction and Recovery Program
This workshop will highlight the Arlington Police Department’s opiate outreach program, as well as the nationwide movement of law enforcement based addiction and recovery programs created by (the Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI)

Presented by:
Frederick Ryan, Chief of Police Arlington, PAARI Police Council Chair

Nugget & Wellington

Improbable Players: Using Applied Theater in Addictions Prevention
Applied theater is often used to raise awareness of social issues and to generate change. In this interactive workshop, you will learn techniques for working with groups of all ages to devise scenes about conflicts with friends, families and the community around substance abuse issues. This technique uses true-to-life stories to teach and practice healthy behaviors around alcohol and other drug prevention, and provides a safe environment to explore issues and try out solutions. Lessons combine theater and health education in an active learning process or as preparation for public performance. Handouts with curriculum lessons and resources will be distributed.

Presented by:
Lynn Bratley, Director Improbable Players
Ballroom Edgewood

*Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorders in Youth*

This workshop will examine the relationship between mental health disorders, trauma history, and substance use disorders in youth and young adults. Participants will explore various models for providing integrated treatment, and examine the relationship between developmental disorders and their implications for the recovery process.

Presented by:
Michael Leach, *Youth Training and Systems Specialist, Institute for Health and Recovery*

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Ballroom Chandler

*Not in the Playbook*

Chris Sullivan, a former New England Patriots defensive lineman shares the story of his struggles with alcohol, drugs, and anxiety. He talks about the pressures he faced throughout high school, college, and the NFL. A former player for Boston College, the New England Patriots and Pittsburgh Steelers, Chris’ mission is to prevent others from taking his journey— from the glory of the 2001 Super Bowl championship, to losing everything.

Presented by:
Chris Sullivan

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Ballroom Baldwin

*The Path from Prescription Pain Killers to Addiction*

There has been much focus recently on prescription pain medication for athletic injuries. This presentation will take you on the journey from treatment to addiction, and the drug traffickers who sell to them.

Presented by:
Michael O’Shaughnessy, *Special Agent Boston Strike Force, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration*
Ballroom Autumn

Adolescent Substance Misuse and Recovery: Meeting Kids Where They Are

Recovery High Schools work with students diagnosed with a substance use disorder and a commitment to recovery. This does not always mean abstinence, and can include support for where each individual student may be in their recovery. The highlights of this workshop are harm reduction, the nature of addiction relative to the teenage brain, and what we see each day with our students who continue to struggle with recovery. Stories of working with students to mitigate risk and death, and of helping these students to begin valuing their lives, and regain hope in a future that is bright and not darkened by substance abuse will be shared.

Presented by:
Susan Strong, Principal Rockdale Recovery High School

Ballroom Viking

Massachusetts: Drugs 101

This workshop presents the drug threat we face in Massachusetts from initiation to drugs, age of onset of use, predictive factors, and preventative barriers. Prevalence and types of drug trends we are facing in MA, as well as what may be coming in the future will also be discussed.

Presented by:
John Carmichael, Chief of Police, Walpole, MA Chiefs of Police Association

Nugget & Wellington

Sober Thoughts

A highly interactive presentation with a different perspective on substance awareness through the use of magic and illusions. Students often already know many of the dangers of substance use and abuse, but still choose to use and abuse. This presentation focuses on the power of perception and influence, how we make decisions based on misperceptions, how to stay your course, and make decisions for you.

Presented by:
Robert Hackenson, Dynamic Influence
### Presenters

**Morning Keynote Presenter**
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Dr. Johnson conducts research on drug policy, youth health, and substance use at the Department of Mental Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHBSPH). JHBSPH has a mission to protect the health and lives of millions of people around the globe by pioneering new research, deploying knowledge in the field, and educating tomorrow’s public health leaders. The Department of Mental Health conducts research to advance the understanding of mental and behavioral disorders; develops, implements, and evaluates methods to prevent and control these disorders; and promotes mental health in the population.
Bill Phillips
Founder, President New Beginnings Programs

Bill Phillips founded the “New Beginnings” programs in 1985 to promote awareness and acceptance of alcoholism and other dependencies as a health issue of grave concern to everyone, with major ramifications to the welfare of the community. The program helps to identify the links between school discipline, delinquency, violence and achievement. The emphasis is on young adults to make responsible decisions by providing them with current and accurate information regarding the effects and dangers of alcohol and drugs. He works closely with adults, teachers, parents, police and others to use their influence to assist young people in making healthy decisions about their futures. Bill has conducted programs in middle schools, high schools and colleges throughout the country. Locally, New Beginnings educational programs have reached an average of 80,000 students and adults per year. Bill earned his B.A. in psychology at West Virginia State College, with continued studies at Boston University. He is certified in alcohol and drug counseling, adolescent behaviors and intervention and prevention counseling. In addition, Bill has served as an At-Risk-Counselor for a number of high schools in Massachusetts. He was a catalyst in the development of the Framingham, Massachusetts District Court 2nd Offenders Program, which he currently directs. Bill also serves as a liaison to Juveniles At-Risk for many of the courts throughout the area, and has written an educational manual for schools, parents and businesses titled, "Chemical Dependency, Assessing the Problem."
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Hidden In Plain Sight*
Jonathan Room

*This exhibit is for adults only!
Thank you for your cooperation!

Located in the Jonathan Room (turn left just before the Ballrooms on your left coming from the main lobby)

Hidden In Plain Sight is a Mock Teen Bedroom Display. Through the eyes of the teen, participants will visualize over 50 hidden items that can be found in teen bedrooms.

Quiet Room
Kendall Room

If you are experiencing a difficult time today, or need a quiet place to gather your thoughts, please check in at the registration table for the location of the Kendall Room.
Resources and Information

In collaboration with the MA D.P.H. and MassTAPP, the MIAA developed resources and action steps to prevent opioid misuse and overdose among student athletes. This packet can be found at [www.miaa.net](http://www.miaa.net), under Hot Topics. Click on Opioid Misuse Prevention Information for Student Athletes, Teachers, Coaches, and Parents.

Additional resources can be found in the Opioid and Other Substance Misuse Prevention Toolkit at: [www.miaa.net](http://www.miaa.net). Click on Educational Athletics, Wellness and the Toolkit graphic. These materials and resources can be utilized at preseason meetings, parent and community forums, wellness classes, pre-prom programs and other school functions.

MIAA Speaker Listing

Are you looking for speakers for your school or community? Please visit [www.miaa.net](http://www.miaa.net), and click on Wellness Speakers List located under Quick Links. The Talking Phone Book is an interactive directory of Resources and Speakers, and arranged by topic. Where applicable, click on the photo and listen to the brief clip of the presenter.
Upcoming Offerings Under the Wellness Pillar of Educational Athletics

Supporting Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Students Workshop
Monday, April 3, 2017, MIAA Conference Center, Franklin, MA

3rd Annual Teen Mental Health Conference
Friday, April 28, 2017 Doubletree Hotel, Westborough, MA

Helping Students Cope With Violence Workshop
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, MIAA Conference Center, Franklin, MA

Mindfulness and Positivity Workshop
Friday, May 12, 2017, MIAA Conference Center, Franklin, MA

So You’re a Leader...Now What?! Leadership and Substance Misuse Prevention Conference
for High School Students and Adult Leaders
Monday, May 15, 2017, MIAA Conference Center, Franklin, MA

SBIRT in Schools Implementation Essentials
Monday, May 22, 2017, MIAA Conference Center, Franklin, MA

YOU LEAD Leadership and Substance Misuse Prevention Conference
Monday, June 5, 2017, MIAA Conference Center, Franklin, MA

Save the Date!
21st MIAA Annual Wellness Summit
Friday, October 27, 2017 Doubletree Hotel, Westborough, MA

Register for workshops and conferences at www.miaa.net. Click on conference by date and select the desired program.
On September 19, 1985, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association held a press conference to address the Association's commitment to a long-term, comprehensive program to promote the chemical health of the student-athlete. Learning from the successful models of pre-season meetings and coaches and captains workshops, the Association’s commitment expanded in 1994, beyond student-athletes, to partner with MSSAA to help schools create programs and educational strategies for all constituents to address any matter that might embrace or improve the well-being of the student.

The MIAA and MSSAA then founded “Partners in Prevention”, a powerful collaboration of more than 65 public and private prevention agencies and initiatives, many of whom are featured at today’s conference.

In 2016, the MIAA founded the MIAA Coalition for the Prevention of Youth Substance Misuse, a powerful group of key stakeholders from across the Commonwealth. Coalition members include representatives from the Following: District Attorneys Offices, the Attorney General’s Office, recovery high Schools, law enforcement, The Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, the Department of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, MassTapp, Mass Medical Society, Athletic Trainers Association, Athletic Directors, Massachusetts Legislature, treatment programs, and individuals in recovery. Many of these folks are here today, and are dedicated to providing resources and information to your schools and communities.

These agencies provide outstanding support, resources, and expertise in our Associations’ delivery of wellness services and programs.

For more information, please contact the MIAA Educational Athletics Staff.
Special thanks to the following for their efforts to make today’s conference possible:

- Conference Attendees
- Conference Presenters
- Conference Exhibitors
- The Doubletree Hotel
- MIAA Coalition for the Prevention of Youth Substance Misuse
- MIAA Partners in Prevention
- MIAA Staff
- MSSAA Staff
- Ridgewood Printing

If you are experiencing a difficult time today, please check in at the Registration Table for the location of the Quiet Room.

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @miaa033
Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.
To make all your friends feel that there is something worthwhile in them.
To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
To wear a cheerful expression at all times and give a smile to every living creature you meet.
To give so much time to improving yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.
To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud word, but in great deeds.
To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side, so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

Christian D. Larson

A poem for individuals in recovery and the those who care about them.
Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

Leo Buscaglia

Thank you for attending today and supporting our youth.
We are the MIAA

Our Mission

The mission of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association is to serve member schools and the maximum number of their students by providing leadership and support for the conduct of interscholastic athletics which will enrich the educational experiences of all participants. The MIAA will promote interschool athletics that provide many lifelong and life-quality learning experiences to students while enhancing their achievement of educational goals.