

Agenda

A Workforce in Recovery: Best Practices for Recruiting and Retaining Skilled People

10:00 – 10:45 **Welcome and Introductions**

Toni Wolf, B.S., Commissioner of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC): Your Business Solution to Connecting with Qualified Employees

MRC staff TBD

10:45 – 11:30 **Keynote**

Ted Wayman, B.S., News Reporter at WCVB Channel 5

11:30 – 12:30 **Our Starting Point: What is a Recovery Ready Workplace?**

Rebecca Starr, MBA; MSW, Senior Program Director, Advocates for Human Potential (AHP)

Ramona Rivera-Reno, Executive Director, Reentry & Recovery Programs, Masshire Holyoke

Bill Allen, CRC, MSM, Director Statewide Job Placement Services, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)

12:30 – 1:00 Break for Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 **Insights: The Benefits of Hiring People Not Typically Considered**

Dana Lariviere, President and CEO, Chameleon Sales

Steve Dean, Operations Manager, Advance Auto Parts

2:00 – 3:00 **Insights: What Employees are Saying about how Recovery Ready Workplaces Can Change Lives**

Lynn Sanders, MPP, Director of Economic Development, Codman Square

Panelist TBD

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 3:45 **Spread the Word: How Advocacy Moves the Workforce Forward**

Massachusetts State Senator John Velis

Massachusetts State Representative Josh Cutler

3:45 – 4:00 **Our Path Ahead: Recruit and Retain Great Employees**

Philip Rainer, MSW, LCSW-R, SAP, Senior Program Associate, Advocates for Human Potential (AHP)