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Rally for recovery

We commend The Journal's excellent coverage of the Rally for Recovery sponsored by the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH) and the Rhode Island Recovery Coalition.

The rally was a celebration of the many Rhode Islanders who have achieved recovery from alcohol and drug addiction and the families and communities that support them. Its success is a testament to BHDDH's pioneering work in expanding treatment and recovery resources throughout the state. It was also impressive to see that under the leadership of Craig Stenning and BHDDH, the state has forged a strong coalition of partners, including the Rhode Island National Guard, to form a loud and united voice for expanded access to high-quality treatment for all who need it.

The participation of the National Guard in this 9/11 event was symbolic and appropriate, given that untreated addiction is one of the most dangerous threats.

In the coming months, as the state forges new health-care policy around the basic benefit package with health-care reform, this message will help to realize the goal of ensuring that all who need it get access to quality substance-use treatment.

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