

Local woman receives Certificate of National Service for work as recovery coach

“Congratulations to Natashia Patricio, who received her Certificate of National Service for her work as a recovery coach and case manager through Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI).

She continues to be an amazing asset with the department in helping those dealing with addiction and recovery. She received this certificate while attending PAARI’s year-end graduation ceremony held at the Arlington Police Department.”- City of New Bedford Police Department.

From the PAARI website:

“The Police Assisted Addiction & Recovery Initiative (PAARI) provides support and resources to help law enforcement agencies nationwide create non-arrest pathways to treatment and recovery.

Recognizing that law enforcement has a front-row seat to the opioid epidemic and are in a unique position to prevent overdose deaths, in June 2015 the Gloucester Police Department launched the Angel Program, which created a simple, stigma-free entry point to treatment on demand and reframed addiction as a disease, not a crime. PAARI was founded as a nonprofit alongside the Angel Program to help law enforcement agencies create non-arrest programs that prevent and reduce overdose deaths and expand access to treatment and recovery.”