

May 7, 2024

Dear Chairperson Kimball and esteemed members of the Maine Recovery Council,

I am writing to formally request an opportunity to briefly present at next month's Maine Recovery Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 13th at 1:30pm on behalf of the state's recovery community centers.

Maine's recovery community centers are deeply invested in supporting individuals and families on their journey of recovery from substance use disorder and addiction. However, centers are currently facing immediate, significant challenges that threaten our ability to continue providing crucial services across the state.

We kindly request five minutes of your valuable time during the council meeting to articulate the pressing issues confronting our centers and to suggest a strategy for addressing these challenges collaboratively.

Our aim is to raise the Maine Recovery Council's awareness about the current dire circumstances Maine's recovery community centers are facing, and to seek the support and engagement of the council in finding a viable solution to sustain our vital services.

Your consideration of our request is greatly appreciated, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to address the council on June 13th.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Clark".

Leslie Clark

Executive Director

Portland Recovery Community Center