

Maine Recovery Council Public Input Process
Public Forum: Thursday, December 12, 2024, 9am-1:00 pm
Jewett Hall, University of Maine Augusta
46 University Drive, Augusta, ME 04330

OUR GOAL: The Maine Recovery Council has just completed their first term (2 years) and will be holding the first meeting of the new term on December 12th. The Council would like to introduce the new members to the community as well as give an opportunity for members of the public to share how their communities are doing and what their priorities are. The Council's work is to investigate the statewide needs for fighting the opioid crisis in Maine and to plan for distributions throughout the state of certain funds from legal settlements or bankruptcies to address the opioid crisis, including to 1) prevent opioid addiction; 2) prevent and reverse opioid overdoses; and 3) help Maine citizens recover from addiction. The Council is established pursuant to court order and 5 M.R.S.A. §. 203-C.

TWO WAYS TO PROVIDE INPUT:

There are two ways to provide your input to the Maine Recovery Council:

- 1. In Person Public Forum:** The Maine Recovery Council will hold a public forum at The University of Maine at Augusta, in the Auditorium of [Jewett Hall](#) on Thursday, December 12th, 2024 from 9AM-1PM. The Council will stay late enough to hear from all those that arrive before 1pm. When you arrive, please sign in and testimony will go in order of sign-in.

Each person will be asked to speak respectfully and will be given 3 minutes. At the 3-minute mark the Chair will thank the person for sharing and give members of the council an opportunity to ask questions. Please submit written copies of your testimony to the Council at time of hearing, or via email to info.recoverycouncil@maine.gov. In preparing comments, written or not, make sure you introduce yourself, identify where you reside, and, if you represent an organization, give the name of the organization, and provide your thoughts on top priorities for the opioid settlement funds.

Agenda of the In Person Forum:

- 9:00 am: Swearing in of MRC, welcome & introduction of Recovery Council
- 9:30 am: Election of temporary Chairperson
- 9:45 am: Review of the last two years work
- 10:00 am: Public Comment begins
- 1:00 pm: Sign-up to public comment closes
- TBD: Forum ends

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2. **Written Testimony:** You may submit written testimony to the Council, either instead of speaking at the public forum, or in addition to speaking via email at info.recoverycouncil@maine.gov.

SPREAD THE WORD: Please help the Recovery Council to hear from members of the public who may have valuable perspectives or important information by sharing this notice.

REMOTE VIEWING: For members of the public who wish to view the public forum remotely, but not participate, please use the following:

Link to watch via Zoom: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/89411107800>

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