



Cumberland County

Commissioner Workshop

Meeting Agenda - Final

Meeting Location: Feeney Conference Room

Workshops are for Commissioner review; items are informational only unless otherwise directed by the Board. The public is welcome to attend; public comment will not be received unless invited by the Board.

Monday, September 9, 2024

5:30 PM

**County Courthouse
205 Newbury St
Portland, ME 04101**

The Monthly Board of Commissioner Meeting will follow immediately.

CALL TO ORDER

[REV 24-06](#) Workshop Item - Grant submission to Maine Recovery Council

Attachments: [Workshop PP Memo](#)
[Sheriff Maine Recovery Council](#)

ADJOURNMENT



Cumberland County

142 Federal St
Portland, ME 04101

Position Paper

File #: REV 24-06

Agenda Date: 9/9/2024

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Agenda Item Request:

Workshop Item - Grant submission to Maine Recovery Council

Background and Purpose of Request:

Requestor: Sheriff Joyce

Background:

Workshop prior to the regular scheduled meeting.

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This item will appear on the agenda for any action the Commissioner want to take.

Funding Amount and Source: Two years at \$360,000 per year.

Attachments: County Position Paper
Sheriff's Memo

Presentation: Yes

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Cumberland **County**
POSITION PAPER FOR AGENDA ITEM

TO:	Cumberland County Commissioners
FROM:	James H. Gailey
DATE:	September 9, 2024
SUBJECT:	Workshop – Grant Application Maine Recovery Council

Requested Action:

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Attachments: Sheriff’s Memo

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Authorize the submission of a grant application to the Maine Recovery Council when the grant opens.

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Background and Purpose of Request:

Requestor: Sheriff Kevin Joyce

On June 6, 2024, the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office submitted a letter of intent to the Maine Recovery Council for funding to start a new Sublocade program at the Cumberland County Jail.

The Cumberland County Jail has long been described as the largest mental health and drug detoxification facility in the State of Maine. With a current inmate population of 315 inmates, 40% of the population is currently on MAT.

MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment) is the gold standard for treating Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). Sublocade is a newer option for MAT and is a 30 day long acting injectable version of Buprenorphine-Naloxone. It should be included as a treatment option for any individual with OUD, but in particular the incarcerated population due to the high rates of relapse and barriers to other treatment options. The current rate of individuals with an OUD in the correctional justice system is 40%, and overdose rates are 10 times higher upon an inmates first two weeks post-release.

The period post-incarceration is the highest risk of overdose, and we hope to provide support upon release until that individual can find additional resources and care outside the jail setting. Current recovery resources are challenging to access in the immediate post-release time period. For example, there can be delays in MaineCare being activated, setting up appointments at medical offices, and/or receiving prescription medications at pharmacies. Transportation and housing barriers can make accessing centers and other support services challenging, especially for those who reside in rural settings. Having Sublocade already in the inmate’s system as part of a treatment plan will allow them an opportunity to overcome treatment immediately after release.

With Sublocade, an individual will have the medication in their system during this high-risk period to decrease their likelihood of overdose and death. Currently, the Cumberland County Jail is dispensing the Buprenorphine-Naloxone and Methadone out of a jail budget that is lean and does not have a specific line for MAT. We are currently utilizing our general pharmaceutical line to purchase MAT medications, and the cost of each Sublocade injection is prohibitive to our ability to use it at this time. With these grant funds we would be able to offer Sublocade as part of a more fully comprehensive MAT treatment program.

Presentation: Yes

Funding Amount and Source:

Grant request through the Maine Recovery Council:

Amount of Funding Requested Year 1: \$360,000.00

Amount of Funding Requested Year 2: \$360,000.00

Total Funding Amount Requested: \$720,000.00

Effective Date if Applicable:

End of September 2024

