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Concept Draft: Parity of Peer Recovery Centers (mental health and substance use)

Currently in Maine there are 21 SUD Recovery Centers in existence or coming into being. Almost all the SUD Recovery Centers have come into being in the last few years.

Conversely, on the Mental Health Recovery Center side, we are seeing fewer centers. There is currently an RFP underway to fund 9 centers. There had been 11 until last year. Through the RFP process centers will close for certain as there is a requirement that there is only 1 center allowed per each of the 9 areas. We will lose 2-3 centers as there are currently two in each York, Aroostook, and potentially Penobscot that have been open for decades.

We want to emphasize the need for more recovery opportunities NOT less! We do not want to have to fight our fellow peers for our very existence and growth!

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