

A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IS STRONGER THAN ANY DRUG.



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The newly formed Knox County Recovery Coalition (KCRC) seeks to begin a dialog with all communities in Knox County about the current drug addiction epidemic.

The epidemic is of crisis proportions. Thousands of Knox County residents suffer from opiate addiction. Monthly, a young adult dies tragically of a drug overdose in our community. It affects more than 10% of all teenagers and young adults. Almost 30% of all babies born in Knox County are born drug affected, beginning a new cycle of addiction for the next generation. Most people addicted to drugs in Knox County are unable to find treatment and their suffering affects their families and friends and erodes the health and safety of our neighborhoods. This is getting worse every year with a 31% increase in drug overdose deaths in Maine since the previous year.

The mission of the KCRC is to educate the community about addiction, to strengthen community efforts to foster prevention and to empower and support individuals in addiction recovery. These community meetings are critically important to begin the education process and to bolster local involvement in solutions to problems.

We look forward to the planned community event as an important first step in finding solutions to the opiate epidemic crisis in Cushing.

On behalf of the KCRC and the individuals, families and community we are helping, we thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ira Mandel', written in a cursive style.

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