

Southwest Opioid Response District (SWORD) Meeting Minutes – Approved 2/11/2026

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 2:30pm to 4pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Voting Members	Attendance	Proxy
Laurel Schafer (Chair), Assistant Director Montezuma County Public Health	Present	
John Ranson (Vice Chair)	Present	
Adam Rogers & Shaine Gans (Treasurer), La Plata County Finance	Present, both	
(Secretary)	Vacant	
Amie Gardiner, Trustee Town of Silverton	X	
Austin Lashley, San Juan County Commissioner	X	
Ashley Wilson, Director Archuleta County Public Health	Present	
Becky Joyce, Director San Juan County Public Health	Present	
Bill Rockensock, Police Chief Town of Pagosa Springs	X	
Bobbi Lock, Director Montezuma Public Health	X	
Brice Current, Police Chief City of Durango	Present	
Chauncey McCarthy, Manager, Town of Rico	X	
Eric Stiasny, Dolores County Commissioner	Present	
Erin Hyder, Assistant City Manager City of Durango	Present	
Justen Goodall, Town of Mancos Marshall	X	
Malynda Evans, Director Dolores County Social Services	Present	
Marsha Porter-Norton, Commissioner La Plata County	Present	
Martha Johnson, Director La Plata Human Services	Present	
Tracy Anselmo, Director La Plata County Public Health	Present	

Advisory/Non-Voting Members	Attendance
Andrew Urenda, Manna	Present
Ashley Micikas, La Plata County Public Health	X
Ashley Springer, Pagosa Springs Community Member	Present
Bob Brammer, Assistant City Manager City of Durango	X
Dayna DeHerrera-Smith, Porch Light Health	Present
Haley Leonard-Saunders, Axis Health Systems	Present
Jacob Abbas, Therapist	Present
Jennifer Miller, CommonSpirit Mercy Hospital	Present
Imo Succo, Indigenous Wellbriety Program	Present
Mariah Reeves, Peer Coach	Present
Mary Katherine, Psychologist	X

Vibes Volansky, Pura Vida for Good	X
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Facilitators and Guests	Role
Claire West, SWORD Project Manager	Facilitator
Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9 Economic Development District	Facilitator
Shak Powers, Region 9 Economic Development District	Guest
Carina Stavish, The Steadman Group	Presenter
Jen Fanning, The Steadman Group	Presenter
Eric Barker, Colorado Consortium for Prevention of Prescription Drug Abuse	Guest
Nichole Glaser, Axis Health	Guest
Sally Frey, Hilltop House	Guest
Sierra Andrews, La Plata County Public Health	Guest
Tonya Wheeler, Advocates for Recovery Colorado	Guest
Valentina Atencio, Advocates for Recovery Colorado	Guest

- Chair, Laurel Schafer, called the meeting to order at 2:34pm
- A quorum was established.
- The agenda was reviewed.

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approve November 2025 Minutes*

- a. Eric Stiasny motioned to approve the November minutes as presented. Martha Johnson seconded. **Motion passed.**

III. SWORD Project Manager — Annual Meeting Overview

- a. Claire reviewed the Governing Documents including the Colorado MOU, SWORD Bylaws, and SWORD IGA requirements to align understanding for purpose of meeting, including membership requirements and make-up of voting membership from 2025.

IV. Council Member Elections*

- a. The SWORD Council voted on renewing terms for the following SWORD Council voting members: Laurel Schafer, John Ranson, Adam Rogers, Austin Lashley, Bobbi Lock, Chauncey McCarthy, Malynda Evans, Martha Johnson. John Ranson motioned to renew terms. Malynda Evans seconded. **Motion passed.**

- b. The SWORD Council voted on the 2026 SWORD Officers.
 - i. Eric Stiasny motioned to approve Laurel Schafer as Chair for a second term. Brice Current seconded. **Motion passed.**
 - ii. Marsha Porter-Norton motioned to approve John Ranson as Vice Chair for a second term. Eric Stiasny seconded. **Motion passed.**
 - iii. Martha Johnson motioned to approve La Plata County as Fiscal Agent and Adam Rogers as the Treasurer, with Shaine Gans acting as a de facto proxy in his stead. Eric Stiasny seconded. **Motion passed.**

V. **2025 Financial Report**

- a. Shaine Gans, on behalf of La Plata County, reported that the 2025 calendar financials are still being finalized and she will share a detailed report in February.

VI. **Letters of Support Policy***

- a. During December, the SWORD Council received multiple requests for letters of support. SWORD conducted an email vote, but due to public meeting concerns, decided to wait until the meeting. Those seeking letters were notified. A draft policy/procedure for responding to requests of this kind was provided to SWORD for consideration.
 - i. John Ranson motioned to affirm the letter of support distributed to Council members in December for the Grant Writing Assistance Program. Malynda Evans seconded. **Motion passed.**
 - ii. Discussion about and edits for—to notify Council members of all requests—the proposed letters of support policy ensued. Martha Johnson motioned to approve the policy including edits. Eric Stiasny seconded. **Motion passed.**

VII. **SWORD Logo**

- a. Region 9 EDD put forth two potential options for a SWORD logo, which would be used on letterhead and other official documents and marketing. The SWORD Council discussed both, including legibility and potentially stigmatizing rhetoric within the images. Ultimately, the Council decided to bring revisions to the next meeting asking for SWORD advisory member assistance.

VIII. **Report out of Justice involved pre sobriety meeting- Steadman Group**

- a. Carina Stavish and Jen Fanning of The Steadman Group presented on the justice-involved stakeholder meeting from December 5, 2025. This included potential solutions and ranked projects from the attendees' perspective and next steps. The SWORD Council discussed the desire for action and completed projects, though which specific project was not discussed.

IX. SWORD Project Manager Report

- a. Project Manager gave an update on the 2025 cycle of Community Grants. All initial payments have gone out.
- b. Project Manager completed a Year End Report for 2025 and will follow up with regular communications detailing work, either in the form of a newsletter or quarterly report. The 2025 Year End Report will be shared following the meeting.
- c. The Project Manager presented a proposed 2026 timeline addressing role accountability and strategic planning activities, including identification of priority impact metrics for project evaluation. Discussion followed regarding timelines and next steps related to projects referenced in the Steadman Group's justice-involved stakeholder meeting overview. Considerations related to the scope and focus of the recommendations, including stakeholder representation and geographic concentration of proposed projects, were raised. Marsha Porter Norton motioned to form an action team. Brice Current seconded. **Motion passed.**

X. Other Business

- a. Laura Lewis Marchino proposed a Round Robin of SWORD Council and Advisory member activities for future meetings as time allows, where each participant could share their organization's current work aligning with SWORD and any existing barriers.
- b. Laura Lewis Marchino shared that the SWORD Council was awarded the 2025 NADO Award.

XI. Next SWORD meeting

- a. February 11, 2026, at 2:30pm via Zoom which will be solely a business meeting.
- b. February 20th from 1pm to 5pm will be a SWORD Council retreat to prioritize projects and funding. A save the date will be distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18pm.