

SWORD Meeting Minutes Approved 4/12/23

January 11th, 2023

Zoom

Attendees:

| Voting members | Attendance | Proxy |
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| (Chair) Justen Goodall, Mancos Marshall | x | Steve Garchar |
| (Vice Chair) Steve Garchar, Dolores County Commissioner | Present | |
| (Treasurer) Marsha Porter-Norton, La Plata County Commissioner | Present | |
| (Secretary) Andrea Phillips, Pagosa Spring Town Manager | Present | |
| Austin Lashley, San Juan County Commissioner | x | |
| Bob Brammer, Durango Police Chief | Present | |
| Bobbi Lock, Montezuma County Public Health Director | x | |
| Chauncey McCarthy, Rico Town Manager | Present | |
| Erin Hyder, Durango Assistant City Manager | x | Marsha Porter Norton |
| Jessica Thurman, Montezuma County Community & Economic Development Coordinator | x | |
| Laurel Shafer, Montezuma County Public Health Assistant Director | x | |
| Malynda Evans, Dolores County Social Services Director | Present | |
| Martha Johnson, La Plata County Department of Human Services & San Juan County Department of Social Services Director | Present | |
| Nathaniel Baca, 6 th Judicial District Court Judge | x | |
| Ronnie Maez, Archuleta County Commissioner | Present | |

| Advisory Members | Attendance |
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| Breeah Kinsella | Present |
| Ed Fields, Ph.D. | x |
| Donna Mae Baukat | x |
| Dr. Amanda Mullen | x |
| Dr. Kent Aikin | Present |
| Dr. Jacob Anderson | x |
| Dr. Will Finn | x |
| Father Augustine Nellary | Present |
| Haley Leonard | Present |
| Imo Succo | Present |
| Kelly DiGiacomo | Present |
| Martha Tinsley Minot | x |
| Mary Bono, Mothers Against Prescription Drug Abuse Board Chair | x |
| Stacie Russell | Present |

| Facilitator & Guests |
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| Heather Otter & Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9 EDD, SWORD Facilitators |
| Brandon Mencini, CEO, Centura-Mercy |
| Rebecca Kellenberg, Health Management Associates |
| Helen Katich, Senator Hickenlooper's Office |

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| Candice Seay, Advocates for Recovery Colorado |
| Jessica Eaddy, CO Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention |
| Mikki Naranjo, Southern Ute Indian Tribe |
| Crystal Dye, Mother's Against Prescription Drug Abuse (MAPDA) |

I. Vice Chair, Commissioner Steve Garchar called the meeting to order at 2:32pm.

II. Welcome & Introductions

III. Updates

- **Health Management Associates (feasibility study):** Rebecca Kellenberg briefly updated SWORD on the data collection phase of the study. HMA will be reaching out to schedule interviews. Brandon Mencini with Centura Mercy offered to provide data to HMA for the study if it is needed. Commissioner Porter Norton asked about final study results to which Rebecca confirmed June 30th as the deadline for the final presentation HMA gives to SWORD. SWORD members can email Heather Otter if there are contacts they would like to add to HMA's list for consideration to be interviewed. The HMA team will travel to our area March 7th and conduct one on one interviews the 8th-9th.
- **SWORD Annual Meeting Preparation:** Heather Otter outlined membership items from the bylaws that SWORD will address in the Annual Meeting on February 8th.
 - Officer roles will be appointed and roster changes will be addressed. Heather reviewed advisory member roles and SWORD had discussion about potential sectors that are not represented such as education. Committees were discussed and whether SWORD would like to continue with the Education Committee to coordinate informational resources and sessions. It was brought up that a committee to help with funding recommendations around the continuum of treatment and care once the feasibility study is complete will be needed.
 - The Opioid Infrastructure Funds are available to apply for. SWORD will review the funding opportunity and details for application to discuss at the February meeting.
- **Congressionally Directed Spending:** Helen Katich with Senator Hickenlooper's Office announced that the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) secured as part of the OMNIBUS package that passed at the end of 2022. Press release put in the chat and available [here](#). For more information contact Helen at helen_katich@hickenlooper.senate.gov.

IV. The Opioid Infrastructure Funds and Application

Heather Otter outlined the opportunity and requirements for applying for these funds. Members had discussion about what these funds could be used for directly or how they could be leveraged to increase existing opioid funds. Discussion was had about keeping with the intent of SWORD to fund a regional project to address the gaps in opioid and SUD treatment when considering the application for the Infrastructure Funds.

V. Wrap Up & Next Steps:

- Review Opioid Infrastructure Fund materials to prepare for discussion next month.
- Review SWORD's roster and be prepared to make nominations for officer roles. Invite people who might be interested in applying for advisory member roles to a meeting or have them fill out an [interest form](#).
- Next meeting - Feb 8th at 2:30pm via Zoom. Recurring calendar invites have been sent for the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57pm

Minutes prepared by Heather Otter