

SWORD Meeting Minutes – Approved January 10th, 2024

Wednesday, November 08th 2:30pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Voting members	Attendance	Proxy
(Chair) Steve Garchar, Dolores County Commissioner	Present	
(Vice Chair) Vacant		
(Treasurer) Adam Rogers, Finance Director, La Plata County	Present	Shaine Gans
(Secretary) Erin Hyder, Durango Assistant City Manager	Present	
Austin Lashley, San Juan County Commissioner	Present	
Becky Joyce, Director San Juan County Public Health	Present	
Bob Brammer, Durango Police Chief		Erin Hyder
Bobbi Lock, Montezuma County Public Health Director	X	
Chauncey McCarthy, Rico Town Manager	Present	
Heather Alvarez, Mancos Town Manager	X	
Jessica Thurman, Montezuma County Community & Economic Development Coordinator	Present	
Laurel Shafer, Montezuma County Public Health Assistant Director	Present	
Malynda Evans, Dolores County Social Services Director	X	
Marsha Porter-Norton, La Plata County Commissioner	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	X	Marsha Porter Norton

Advisory Members	Attendance
Ashley Gonzalez, San Juan Basin Health	Present
Brandon Mencini, CEO, Common Spirit-Mercy	Present
Breeah Kinsella, Executive Director, Colorado Providers Association	X
Donna Mae Baukat, Co-founder, Community Compassion Outreach	X
Dr. Kent Aikin, Retired Physician, Community Member	X
Dr. Mary Katherine, Psychologist	Present
Dr. Will Finn, Physician, Southern Ute Indian Tribe	X
Haley Leonard Saunders, Sr. Director of Development/PIO, Axis Health System	Present
Imo Succo, MSW, Director Indigenous Wellbriety Program	X
Kelly DiGiacomo, Therapist, La Plata Family Therapy	X

Facilitators & Guests
Heather Otter & Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9 EDD, SWORD Facilitators
Claire West, SWORD Project Coordinator
Adam Herman, Advocates for Recovery Colorado
Andrea Ryan, Mercy Hospital
Butch Lewis, Colorado Association of Recovery Residences (CARR)
Dayna Kranker, Trustee Town of Silverton
Elizabeth Dunn, Mercy Hospital
Eric Barker, Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

Jack Patterson, Colorado Attorney General's Office
Jennifer Miller, Mercy Hospital
Shelly Burke, Axis Health System
Stephanie Allred, Axis Health System

- Chair, Commissioner Steve Garchar, called the meeting to order at 2:35pm.
- A quorum was established.
- New SWORD guests were introduced.
- The agenda was reviewed.

I. Funding Priority Recommendations:

1. The SWORD Futures Retreat Team presented on the process they used to synthesize the feasibility study findings with best practices from our communities and evidence based strategies from outside our region. The Retreat Team proposed scenarios for allocation of Year 1 and Year 2 funds totaling \$1,550,954.73. Discussion was had pertaining to the scenarios presented for funding allocation. The council voted to approve the following allocations:

63% of available funding to Recovery Residential;

10% for Enriching Support for a Recovery Ready Region;

20% for Community Choice; and

7% to Region 17 Consulting Services.

II. Resolution 23-01 SWORD Funding:

1. Whereas the SWORD Council agrees to allocate 63% of available funding to high intensity sustained recovery residential; 10% for Enriching Support for a Recovery Ready Region; 20% for Community Choice; and 7% to Region 17 for Consulting Services.

III. Votes:

1. **Commissioner Steve Garchar motioned for a vote to approve the resolution 23-01 SWORD Funding.** Commissioner Marsha Porter-Norton moved. Erin Hyder seconded. No further discussion. **Motion passed.**
2. **Commissioner Steve Garchar entertained the motion to vote to approve October minutes.** Jessica Thurman moved. Commissioner Austin Lashley seconded. No further discussion. **Motion passed.**

IV. Wrap Up & Next Steps:

- Next SWORD meeting – Jan. 10th at 2:30pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 4:13pm

Minutes prepared by Heather Otter and Claire West