

SWORD Meeting Minutes – Approved 03/13/24Wednesday, January 10th 2:30pm via Zoom**Attendees:**

Voting members	Attendance	Proxy
(Chair) Steve Garchar, Dolores County Commissioner	Present	
(Vice Chair) Laurel Schafer, Assistant Director, Montezuma County Public Health	Present	(voted in today)
(Treasurer) Adam Rogers, Finance Director, La Plata County	Present	
(Secretary) Erin Hyder, Durango Assistant City Manager	X	Bob Brammer
Austin Lashley, San Juan County Commissioner	Present	
Becky Joyce, Director San Juan County Public Health	Present	
Bill Rockensock, Pagosa Springs Police Chief	X	(voted in today)
Bob Brammer, Durango Police Chief	Present	
Bobbi Lock, Montezuma County Public Health Director	X	
Chauncey McCarthy, Rico Town Manager	Present	
Heather Alvarez, Mancos Town Manager	X	(voted in today)
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	X	Marsha Porter Norton
Nathaniel Baca, 6 th Judicial District Court Judge	X	
Ronnie Maez, Archuleta County Commissioner	X	
Travis Anderson, Montezuma County Administrator	Present	(voted in today)

Advisory Members	Attendance
Ashley Gonzalez, La Plata County Public Health	X
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. Jen Hargrove, Emergency Medicine / Wilderness & High Altitude Specialist	X (voted in today)
Dr. Kent Aikin, Retired Physician, Community Member	Present
Dr. Mary Katherine, Psychologist	X
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	Present
Kelly DiGiacomo, Therapist, La Plata Family Therapy	Present

Facilitator & Guests
Heather Otter & Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9 EDD, SWORD Facilitators
Claire West, SWORD Project Coordinator
Adam Herman, Advocates for Recovery Colorado
Candice Ludwig, Advocates for Recovery Colorado
Jack Patterson, Colorado Opioid Response Team
Paul Reich, Marketing & Public Relations Manager, Axis Health System
Shaine Gans, Grant Specialist, La Plata County
Tonya Wheeler, Advocates for Recovery Colorado

- Chair, Commissioner Garchar, called the meeting to order at 2:34pm.
- The agenda was reviewed.
- A quorum was established.
- Introductions of members and guests were made.

I. Votes:

1. Approve November 2023 minutes.

- i. Steve Garchar entertained a motion Commissioner Porter-Norton moved. Chauncey McCarthy second. **Motion passed.**

2. Affirm current SWORD Office roles and make nominations for vacant vice chair seat and vote on vice chair seat. Current officers affirmed remaining in their roles. Laurel Schafer accepted her nomination for vice chair.

- i. Commissioner Garchar entertained a motion to approve the current officers as Steve Garchar-Chair, Adam Rogers-Treasurer, Erin Hyder-Secretary and to approve Laurel Schafer as the new vice chair. Commissioner Porter-Norton moved. Travis Anderson second. Motion passed.

3. Approve Travis Anderson (Montezuma County) as a SWORD Voting Member.

- i. Commissioner Garchar entertained a motion. Adam Rogers moved. Chauncey McCarthy second. **Motion passed.**

4. Approve William (Bill) Rockensock (Chief of Police Town of Pagosa Springs as a SWORD Voting Member.

- i. Commissioner Garchar entertained a motion. Commissioner Porter-Norton moved. Adam Rogers second. **Motion passed.**

5. Approve Dr. Jen Hargrove as a SWORD Advisory Member.

- i. Commissioner Garchar entertained a motion. Laurel Shafer moved. Becky Joyce second. **Motion passed.**

II. Updates:

1. Opioid regions are obligated to submit expense reports in February each year for funds expended the prior calendar year. SWORD did not expended funds in 2023 so reporting will be due in February of 2025 for funds expended during the 2024 calendar year. A brief description of the COST portal was provided.
2. SWORD Project Coordinator Report:
 - i. Brief descriptions of work to date was provided including a recap of the tour of the Kentucky Recovery Residences. Discussion was had following the presentation.
 - ii. SWORD members will be contacted regarding interest, skill set, and availability to serve on one or both project workgroups: Recovery Residence and Community Grants.

III. Wrap Up & Next Steps:

- Next SWORD meeting – March 13th at 2:30pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 3:41pm

Minutes prepared by Heather Otter