

Southwest Opioid Response District (SWORD) Meeting Minutes – (approved November 12, 2025)

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 2:30pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Voting Members	Attendance	Proxy
Laurel Schafer (Chair), Assistant Director Montezuma County Public Health	Present	
John Ranson (Vice Chair)	Present	
Adam Rogers (Treasurer), Finance Director La Plata County		Shaine Gans
Erin Hyder (Secretary), Assistant City Manager City of Durango		Malynda Evans
Andy Brock, Assistant Chief of Police, City of Cortez	X	
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	Present	
Bob Brammer, Assistant City Manager City of Durango	X	
Bobbi Lock, Director Montezuma Public Health	Present	
Brice Current, Police Chief City of Durango		Chris Gonzalez
Chauncey McCarthy, Town Manager Town of Rico	Present	
Eric Stiasny, Dolores County Commissioner	Present	
Justen Goodall, Town of Mancos Marshall	Present	
Malynda Evans, Director Dolores County Social Services	Present	
Marsha Porter-Norton, Commissioner La Plata County		Malynda Evans
Martha Johnson, Director La Plata Human Services		Malynda Evans
Nathaniel Baca, 6 th Judicial District Judge	X	
Shaine Gans, Grants Specialist, La Plata County	Present	
Tracy Anselmo, Director La Plata County Public Health	X	

Advisory/Non-Voting Members	Attendance
Ashley Micikas, La Plata County Public Health	X
Dayna DeHerrera-Smith, Porch Light Health	Present
Donna Mae Baukat, Community Compassion Outreach	X
Haley Leonard-Saunders, Axis Health Systems	Present
Jacob Abbas, Therapist	Present
Jennifer Miller, CommonSpirit Mercy Hospital	Present

Imo Succo, Indigenous Wellbriety Program	X
Mariah Reeves, Peer Coach	Present
Mary Katherine, Psychologist	X
Will Finn, Physician	X

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
Andrew Urenda, Manna	Guest
Jack Patterson, Colorado Attorney General’s Office	Guest
Joe Theine, Southwest Health System	Guest
Nichole Glaser, Axis Health	Guest
Sierra Roe, La Plata County Public Health	Guest
Shelby Robbins, Antelope Recovery	Guest
Valentina Atencio, Advocates for Recovery Colorado	Guest
Vibes Volaslkey, Pura Vida for Good	Guest
Wyatt Bair, Sen. Bennet’s Office	Guest

- Chair, Laurel Schafer, called the meeting to order at 2:39pm
- A quorum was established.
- The agenda was reviewed.

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approve September 2025 Minutes*

- a. The SWORD Council voted on the September 2025 meeting minutes as written. Eric Stiasny motioned to approve the September minutes. Chris Gonzalez seconded. Motion passed.

III. Re-Affirm Votes from September Meeting*

- a. The SWORD Council met in-person for the September meeting and due to the change in format we forgot to follow Robert’s Rules of Order, asking for motions and seconds to each vote. Therefore, we must vote to affirm the two

votes from last meeting, which include the request to draw available funding in COST and approve the August minutes. Chris Gonzalez motioned to re-affirm all votes from the September meeting. Eric Stiasny seconded. Motion passed.

IV. New Advisory Members*

- a. John Ranson motioned to approve Dayna DeHerrera-Smith, of Porchlight Health, as an advisory member. Eric Stiasny seconded. Motion passed.
- b. Becky Joyce motioned to approve Mariah Reeves, a peer recovery coach, as an advisory member. John Ranson seconded. Motion passed.
- c. Eric Stiasny motioned to approve Jennifer Miller, of CommonSpirit Mercy Hospital, as an advisory member. John Ranson seconded. Motion passed.
- d. Eric Stiasny motioned to approve Deputy Chief Chris Gonzalez, Durango Police. John Ranson seconded. Motion passed.

V. Fiscal Agent Report

- a. Shaine Gans gave a report on the COST portal, including the request of available funds on September 15th. Requested funds were allocated to the funding pots based on the 2024 funding request recommendation made in January—44% went to the recovery campus project, 24% went to the community grants, 22% to planning and coordination, and 10% to administration fee.

VI. Project Manager Report: Claire West

- a. Claire West gave a report on her recent work, including a recap from the September meeting. She addressed feasibility findings and the pivot the Council now faces to its project approach. Following many meetings and much research, she has made a process map to examine barriers and opportunities between healthcare and the carceral system. Stakeholders—including regional hospitals, Axis, and law enforcement partners—will convene by the end of November to around pre-sobriety clients.
- b. Reconvene Future's Committee—Seeking those interested in developing our pivots and next steps
- c. SWORD Community Grant received 21 applications totaling over \$1.4M in requests, but approximately \$465K to award. SWORD Council will vote on which applications to fund during the November meeting.

VII. Other Business

- a. The Colorado Opioid Abatement Council (COAC) will be hosting the 4th Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference in Loveland on October 27th, 2025 in Loveland. For more information visit <https://coag.gov/opioids/conference>
- b. November 12th meeting agenda items will include a presentation on grant recommendations, a follow-up from the COAC Opioid Conference, and voting in of more advisory members. If you have anything you would like to put on the agenda, please email west.claire@outlook.com

VIII. Next SWORD meeting

- a. November 12th, 2025, at 2:30pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Minutes prepared by Claire West & Laura Lewis Marchino