

**Southwest Opioid Response District (SWORD) Meeting Minutes—approved
January 14, 2026**

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 2:30pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Voting Members	Attendance	Proxy
Laurel Schafer (Chair), Assistant Director Montezuma County Public Health	Present	
John Ranson (Vice Chair)	X	
Adam Rogers (Treasurer), Finance Director La Plata County	X	Shaine Gans
Erin Hyder (Secretary), Assistant City Manager City of Durango	Present	
Andy Brock, Assistant Chief of Police, City of Durango	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	X	
Bill Rockensock, Police Chief Town of Pagosa Springs	X	
Bob Brammer, Assistant City Manager City of Durango	Present	
Bobbi Lock, Director Montezuma Public Health	X	
Brice Current, Police Chief City of Durango	Present	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	X	
Marsha Porter-Norton, Commissioner La Plata County	X	Martha Johnson

Martha Johnson, Director La Plata Human	Present	
Nathaniel Baca, 6 th Judicial District Judge	X	
Shaine Gans, Grants Specialist, La Plata County	X	
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
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	Present
Mariah Reeves, Peer Coach	Present
Mary Katherine, Psychologist	Present
Will Finn, Physician	X
Vibes Volansky, Pura Vida for Good	Present

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
Charlee Sharp, Silver Lining Recovery Homes	Guest
Emily Huminski, Team Up	Guest

Eric Barker, Colorado Consortium for Prevention of Prescription Drug Abuse	Guest
Farrell White, Axis Health	Guest
Jack Patterson, Colorado Attorney General's Office	Guest
Nichole Glaser, Axis Health	Guest
Nick Schneider, Antelope Recovery	Guest
Rick Jacobsen, Axis Health	Guest
Sierra Andrews, La Plata County Public Health	Guest
Teresa, Celebrate Recovery Ignacio	Guest
Valentina Atencio, Advocates for Recovery Colorado	Guest
Wyatt Bair, Sen. Bennet's Office	Guest

- Chair, Laurel Schafer, called the meeting to order at 2:33pm
- A quorum was established.
- The agenda was reviewed.

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approve September 2025 Minutes*

- a. The SWORD Council voted on the October 2025 meeting minutes as written. Eric Stiasny motioned to approve the October minutes. Erin Hyder seconded. **Motion passed.**

III. New Advisory Members*

- a. Martha Johnson motioned to approve Vibes Volansky, of Pura Vida for Good, as an advisory member. Eric Stiasny seconded. **Motion passed.**
- b. Martha Johnson motioned to approve Andrew Urenda, of Manna, as an advisory member. Heather Alvarez seconded. **Motion passed.**
- c. Martha Johnson motioned to approve Ashley Springer, of Pagosa Springs, as an advisory member. Eric Stiasny seconded. **Motion passed.**

IV. 2026 SWORD Council Meetings*

- a. The Council discussed changing the meeting time for the 2026 year, however, ultimately decided to keep the current schedule. Laura Lewis Marchino will send calendar invites for the 2026 year.
- b. Eric Stiasny motioned to approve keep the second Wednesday of the month from 2:30–4pm as the 2026 SWORD Council meetings. Heather Alvarez seconded. **Motion passed.**

V. 2025 SWORD Community Grant Recommendations*

- a. The SWORD Council heard recommendations of funding for the most current cycle of community grants, including funding amounts, as follows:
 - i. Indigenous Wellbriety to continue culturally appropriate peer support programming | \$100,000
 - ii. Silver Lining Recovery Homes for case management support and rent support | \$ 35,750
 - iii. Team Up for a regional youth-led prevention and engagement | \$125,000
 - iv. Southwest Health System for opioid prescription equipment and pharmacy training | \$9,000
 - v. Celebrate Recovery for peer support meeting expanding programming through more materials | \$5,000
 - vi. Healthy Archuleta for youth-led prevention and engagement | \$40,000
 - vii. Axis Health System to support crisis stabilization unit | \$100,000
 - viii. Manna Soup Kitchen to continue recovery capital building project for program participants | \$51,994
- b. Martha Johnson motioned to approve the 2025 SWORD Community Grant Recommendations as presented. Chauncey McCarthy seconded. **Motion passed.**
- c. There was also discussion about SWORD Council members participating on the Selection Committee. Ashley Wilson was interested. **Claire will send out more information about those that were selected.**

VI. SWORD Project Manager

- a. Update on Justice involved pre sobriety meeting

- i. Jail services stakeholders including hospitals and peers will meet because they are foundational to a recovery ecosystem and have identified needs for those that are pre sober. This meeting resulted from feedback at the October SWORD meeting and follows the 2023 HMA feasibility study recommendation to “convene relevant stakeholders to map their current process of engaging individuals with SUD/OD from the point they enter to the point they leave... During such a meeting, stakeholders [will] collaborate to create a future state process map that reflects...seamless transitions in care and complete information about resources”. The goal is to come away with some quick fixes as well as a long-term potential solution for the Future’s Committee to examine.
- b. Overview of planned Future’s Retreat

 - i. Over the next 2 months Claire West will meet with key partners and stakeholders across the region to hear their perspectives, the challenges they are facing, and how SWORD can be a better partner (particularly when it comes to funding). Before the end of January, the Future’s Group will convene another retreat focused on allocating SWORD’s latest settlement funds based on the most current priorities. Anyone interested in this meeting that will inform SWORD priorities over the next year should let Claire know.
- c. Infrastructure funds and 2-year Plan timeline

 - i. Resilient Colorado Grant application due 12/18/2025
 - ii. Infrastructure Funds application due 1/14/2026
 - iii. SWORD’s Two-Year Plan reporting due 2/6/2026

Claire will follow up with more information regarding infrastructure funds.
- d. 2025 COAC Opioid Conference Report

 - i. Claire met with people across the state working with these funds— either to deploy them or to address the state-wide addiction crisis they are intended to abate. Imo Succo also attended from the region.

VII. Other Business

No December meeting and the January 2026 will include yearend financial update and elections.

VIII. Next SWORD meeting

- a. January 14th, 2026, at 2:30pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 3:31pm.

Minutes prepared by Claire West & Laura Lewis Marchino