

Southwest Opioid Response District (SWORD) Meeting Minutes – Approved 2/12/2025

Wednesday, January 8th 2:30pm via Zoom Attendees:

Voting Members	Attendance	Proxy
Steve Garchar (Chair), Commissioner Dolores County	Joined at 2:37PM	
Laurel Schafer (Vice Chair), Assistant Director Montezuma County Public Health	PRESENT	
Adam Rogers (Treasurer), Finance Director La Plata County	PRESENT	
Erin Hyder (Secretary), Assistant City Manager City of Durango	PRESENT	
Amie Gardiner, Trustee Town of Silverton		Becky Joyce
Austin Lashley, San Juan County Commissioner	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	PRESENT	
Bobbi Lock, Director Montezuma Public Health	X	
Brice Current, Police Chief City of Durango	Joined at 3PM	
Chauncey McCarthy, Town Manager Town of Rico	PRESENT	
Heather Alvarez, Town Administrator Town of Mancos	X	
Malynda Evans, Director Dolores County Social Services	PRESENT	
Marsha Porter-Norton, Commissioner La Plata County		Martha Johnson
Martha Johnson, Director La Plata Human Services	PRESENT	
Nathaniel Baca, 6 th Judicial District Judge	X	
Ronnie Maez, Commissioner Archuleta County	PRESENT	
Tracy Anselmo, Director La Plata County Public Health	X	
Travis Anderson, County Administrator Montezuma County	PRESENT	

Advisory/Non-Voting Members	Attendance
Ashley Gonzalez, Behavioral Health Programs Supervisor La Plata County Public Health	X
Breeah Kinsella, Executive Director Colorado Providers Association	X
Donna Mae Baukat, President and Executive Director Community Compassion Outreach	PRESENT
Haley Leonard-Saunders, Sr. Director of Development and Public Information Officer APresentis Health Systems	PRESENT
Imo Succo, Director Indigenous Wellbriety Program	PRESENT
Jen Hargrove, MD Emergency Medicine	X
Kelly DiGiacomo, Therapist	X

Kent Aikin, Retired Family Physician	PRESENT
Mary Katherine, Psychologist	PRESENT
Will Finn, Physician	X

Facilitators and Guests	Role
Claire West, Region 9 EDD	Facilitator
Heather Otter, Region 9 EDD	Facilitator
Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9 EDD	Facilitator
Eric Barker, CO Consortium	Guest
Shaine Gans, La Plata County Finance	Guest
John Ranson, Archuleta County Commissioner	Guest
Chris Gonzalez, Durango Police	Guest
Eric Stiasny, Dolores County Commissioner	Guest
Rachel Simpson, Behavioral Health Administration	Guest
Dr. Andrea Ryan, Mercy Hospital	Guest

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

I. Welcome & Introductions

- a. The SWORD Council's annual meeting started with introductions of guests. The agenda was reviewed, no changes we made.

II. Approve November 2024 meeting minutes

- a. Commissioner Steve Garchar entertained a motion to approve the November 2024 minutes. Ronnie Maez motioned, Laurel Schafer seconded. **Motion passed.**

III. Hear nominations, affirm officers, and approve the SWORD roster for 2025

- a. Laurel Schafer was nominated and accepted the position of Chair, transitioning from her role as vice chair. Steve Garchar entertained a motion to approve Laurel as the new Chair. Ronnie Maez motioned, Austin Lashley seconded. **Motion passed.**
- b. Adam Rogers was confirmed to continue as Treasurer. Steve Garchar entertained a motion to approve Adam as the Treasurer. Ronnie Maez motioned, Martha Johnson seconded. **Motion passed.**
- c. Erin Hyder was affirmed as Secretary. Steve Garchar entertained a motion to approve Erin as the Secretary. Adam Rogers motioned, Austin Lashley seconded. **Motion passed.**

IV. Approve New Incoming Members for the 2025 SWORD Roster

- a. Incoming voting members were introduced
 - i. Andy Brock, Cortez Police Department. Steve Garchar entertained a motion to approve Andy Brock as a voting member. Martha Johnson motioned, Laurel Schafer seconded. **Motion passed.**
 - ii. John Ranson, Archuleta County Commissioner. Steve Garchar entertained a motion to approve new voting member. Erin Hyder motioned, Ronnie Maez seconded. **Motion passed.**
 - iii. Shaine Gans, La Plata County Finance. Steve Garchar entertained a motion to approve new voting member. Adam Rogers motioned, Malynda Evans seconded. **Motion passed.**

V. Project & Funding Updates

- a. Project Coordinator updates
 - i. Claire West presented on SWORD project updates. It was noted that the Town of Mancos will manage the Montezuma Co-responder Program. West is coordinating six-month evaluations for community grant recipients and planning the annual Future's Funding Retreat on January 23rd.
- b. SWORD 2024 expense report
 - i. Shaine Gans presented the financial status of the region's opioid settlement funds, detailing expenditures and unallocated funds available for future planning.
- c. Two Year Plan and funding request - overview of [approved uses](#) and considerations for funding existing and potential projects through 2026. Surveys were provided to SWORD Council members to provide input ahead of the funding retreat if they wished.

VI. Next SWORD meeting – February 12th at 2:30pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Claire West