

SWORD Year in Review 2022

Southwest Opioid Response District

- *Nominated SWORD Officers
- *Approved first group of non-voting advisory members
- *Learned about congressionally designated spending (CDS) process to help supplement opioid dollars
- *AG staff introduced the Two-Year Plan

Inaugural Meeting

March

April

- *Two Year Plan discussion
- *Exploring collaboration with Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Moving Right Along

May

June

- *RFP Committee formed to evaluate potential feasibility study consultants
- *Education Committee formed
- *SWORD is **the first region** to have all its governments opt out of receiving funds so dollars can be directed to the regional fund!

Forming

July

Aug

- *SWORD chooses Health Management Associates (HMA) as the consultant for the feasibility study.
- *Educational presentations on emergency & addiction medicine by Dr. Stader and on prevention and advocacy by Mothers Against Prescription Drug Abuse (MAPDA)

Feasibility

Sept

Getting Started

- *Approved SWORD bylaws
- *Region 9 announces CDS for the feasibility study - \$150k
- *La Plata County requests \$5M CDS for repurposing the DeNier Center
- *SWORD webpage launched
- *Provided orientations for new SWORD members

Brainstorming

- *SWORD tours DeNier Center

Learning

- *Educational presentations by Axis and Colorado Association of Recovery Residences
- *Continuing discussion about indigenous communities and culturally relevant SUD treatment
- *COST system activated for regions to submit two-year plans
- *1st Annual Opioid Conference-Denver

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