

# SWORD in 2024

January

## Beginning Stages

Began preliminary groundwork for the community grants project. Traveled to Kentucky with Colorado Agency for Recovery Residences (CARR) and the Fletcher Group to tour recovery residences and gain insights into best practices for addiction recovery programs.

February

Established foundational partnerships across the State to bolster SWORD's future initiatives. Expanded knowledge of the statewide addiction and recovery services landscape.

March

Conducted research and exploration into potential land options across the region to support the development of the regional recovery campus project.

April

Finalized the Community Grant Application and supporting materials. Engaged with local and State leaders to discuss potential collaborations on projects related to MAT/MOUD services and naloxone distribution.

August

Continued networking efforts and strengthened strategic relationships. Finalized grant agreements with awardees. Compiled a comprehensive list of opioid and substance misuse treatment available regionally. Continued community information campaign by participating in local events.

July

## First Distribution of Funds

Awarded the first round of SWORD Community Grants to nine applicants, distributing a total of \$438,356 from our regional opioid settlement funds.

June

Launched the SWORD Community Grant program with a comprehensive advertising campaign including press releases, social media outreach, radio PSAs, and email communications. Initiated a community information campaign through participation in local events. Continued exploration of suitable land options.

May

Hosted Community Grant information sessions across the region to increase awareness and engagement. Conducted outreach to towns, municipalities, and the public to identify land meeting the requirements for the regional recovery campus project. Held discussions with a private landowner about a potential site.

September

Engaged with CHFA leadership to explore opportunities related to Proposition 123 and housing tax credits in relation to the regional recovery campus project. Participated in the 3rd annual COAG Opioid Conference to stay informed on the latest developments and strategies in addressing the opioid crisis.

October

Reviewed and updated statewide opioid and public health data to ensure accuracy for our area.

November

Collaborated with Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) leadership to align on shared goals and initiatives. Initiated discussions with the SWORD council board and advisory members to address hyper-local needs and barriers.

December

## Planning for the Future

Conducted a year-end review and initiated planning for the next funding retreat, setting the stage for continued progress in 2025.