



The Schreiber Research Group (TSRG) is a team of experts whose mission is to improve substance-use-related outcomes through community outreach, consulting services, and research.

The Schreiber Research Group
Workforce Development Meeting Minutes
8.19.24 via Zoom

The group discussed workforce development initiatives in the region, including recruiting and onboarding AmeriCorps members, advertising service opportunity listings, and applying for funding opportunities. Status updates were shared on HRSA Impact and SECOR grant funding applications. TSRG also shared the structure of the opioid response task force small groups, and the attendees of the meeting discussed the responsibilities and nominations of a community leader.

Action Items

- Develop website page for work group materials.
- Coordinate AmeriCorps recruitment and onboarding.
- Initiate contact with local workforce center regarding collaboration.
- Apply for SECOR funding.

Introductions

- Participants take turns introducing themselves and sharing their roles.
- Chris introduces himself as the new SUD program director for Otero County.
- TSRG describes the structure of the projects' various workgroups. The link to sign up for additional groups is shared (<https://forms.gle/yWjrHBKtY1YE84jp7>).

Involving community in small groups for workforce development projects.

- TSRG describes deliverables and responsibilities for a workgroup community leader. Such responsibilities include developing meeting agenda items, facilitating group discussion, helping to identify recovery friendly workplaces within the region, and building out the AmeriCorps project.
- Lisa offered to help with logistics but is not sure she has the capacity to take on a leadership role.
- Ellie Coughlin was nominated in a previous meeting, but was not present to speak on her commitment to a leadership role.

Funding opportunities for workforce development in Colorado.

- TSRG updates the group on approval of the AmeriCorps grant. Positions will soon be posted. AmeriCorps members will likely be based in metro area with occasional travel to the Southeast region, but TSRG is open to hiring individuals in the Southeast, too.
- Kristin advises that the Denver metro area recruiting pool will be stronger for these AmeriCorps positions.
- Julie Nash from AmeriCorps will provide technical assistance for recruitment.



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- TSRG shares that HRSA has not yet announced its Impact grant awardees.
- The group discusses funding opportunities for opioid abatement in southeast Colorado. TSRG plans to apply for additional funding to support workforce development.

Next Steps

- The Otero County Health Department is collaborating with the workforce center on this project.
- Terri Schreiber mentions the goals for the website and the plan to create a similar platform to the Colorado consortium's public-facing website.
- Maddie shares the current long term goals for the group. These include: identifying which organizations will play a role in providing services/programming, identifying what services/programming is needed that complements existing work, developing a communication strategy so target audience knows what services are available, identifying recovery friendly employers, and securing physical space for a workforce center. The group agrees on these goals.
- The next meeting will be held in-person at the quarterly meeting on September 25, 2024. After that, meetings will take place on zoom every other month until AmeriCorps members are hired and onboarded. Then, meetings will take place monthly.