

What local leaders are saying about the Colorado Opioid Framework

"Attorney General Weiser and his team have demonstrated how great outcomes can occur when self-interest is cast aside and local governments come together with a clear vision, strategic thinking, and positive ambition."

Sue Hansen
Montrose County Commissioner

"From the very start, the focus from the counties and the attorney general's office has stayed with the families and those suffering from opioid addictions and getting the help to those families that need the assistance."

Wendy Buxton-Andrade
Prowers County Commissioner

"This work represents a united effort between local governments and the state to address the loss, suffering, and multi-generational impacts of the opioid crisis on our communities. The epidemic of opioid addiction and its consequences touch every community, every demographic and every single one of us in some way."

Michael B. Hancock
Denver Mayor

"Thank you Attorney General Weiser for working with Colorado Counties Inc. and putting local governments first with these negotiations. Local control is the best form of government to make sure funds are utilized where they are needed the most."

Byron Pelton
Logan County Commissioner

"For far too long, communities have been plagued by over-prescribed and easily accessible opioid drugs. It is finally time the drug manufacturers responsible for this crisis are held accountable and this settlement is a hard-fought win for our communities. It is my hope we can use these funds to educate people and create a much healthier environment for those impacted by the abuse of these drugs. I applaud our Attorney General for his hard work to make this happen."

Jan Kulmann
Thornton Mayor

"Rural and urban commissioners worked together to ensure those suffering from opioid addictions as well as their families get the needed assistance from this settlement."

Dwayne McFall
Fremont County Commissioner

"This is about saving lives and it requires bold leadership. In close partnership with Attorney General Weiser, we have worked together across rural, urban, and suburban communities to maximize settlement funds to fight the opioid epidemic. Colorado is leading the way."

Lesley Dahlkemper
Jefferson County Commissioner

"I would like to thank Attorney General Weiser for bringing this issue to the forefront and for holding the pharmaceuticals accountable. The opioid epidemic we are all dealing with is causing tremendous problems in small communities and large cities. This settlement will enable us to strengthen the fight against the abuse of opioids."

Phil Rico
Trinidad Mayor

"As Mayor of Colorado Springs, I'm pleased that the Colorado attorney general's office was able to secure the necessary level of support for Colorado to join in this settlement. Opioid abuse has been a longstanding scourge in Colorado and I'm hopeful the flow of funds made available by this settlement will help combat the problem in our state."

John Suthers
Colorado Springs Mayor

"The opioid settlement is an important step along the path to resolution and healing for our communities. With these funds and plan, rural Colorado will be empowered to do what we do best – collaborate across jurisdictions to address our landscape-scale challenges."

Greg Felt
Chaffee County Commissioner

"The partnership that has developed between counties and the attorney general's office is invaluable. I am very pleased with the work that has been done the past 18 months to help reach this MOU that will benefit all counties and the work counties do to combat the impacts of opioid addiction."

John Swartout
Executive Director, Colorado Counties, Inc.

"The successful execution of this settlement MOU represents the spirit of collaboration which we aspire to in Colorado. As a result of the hard work of CCI, CML, the attorney general's office, and many stakeholders, people affected by the opioid crisis will have better access to exceptional, locally administered treatment which results in positive outcomes."

Abe Laydon
Douglas County Commissioner

"It was inspiring to see Attorney General Weiser, county commissioners, municipal leaders, and public servants come together to bring resources to our communities in our collective fight against the opioid epidemic."

Steve O'Dorisio
Adams County Commissioner

"Every community, neighborhood, and way too many families have been affected by the opioid epidemic. The settlement with opioid manufacturers will provide recovery programs, treatment, and education to individuals and families harmed by opioids in El Paso County and across the state. These funds will go a long way to reduce opioid addiction, recover our criminal justice system costs, and deliver a path towards healing."

Stan VanderWerf
El Paso County Board Chair

