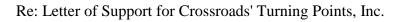
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## **Board of County Commissioners**

September 3, 2024

SE Colorado Region 19 Opioid Settlement Board c/o Rose Pugliese SECOR Facilitator and Legal Counsel 9235 N. Union Blvd., Suite 150, #128 Colorado Springs, Colorado 80920



To Whom it May Concern:

The Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to write this letter in support of Crossroads' Turning Points, Inc. (CTP) and their efforts to address the opioid epidemic and overdose rates within Southern Colorado through Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services for prevention, treatment, recovery, harm prevention and diversion from criminal justice. Southern Colorado and Huerfano County have experienced significant workforce, family, and general livelihood disruption from the opioid epidemic. Opioid use and overdose frequency have triggered generational impacts that divert already scarce community resources and strain community bonds. Funding CTP's proposal will increase their capacity to provide much-needed SUD services in our region.

The Board supports the efforts of CTP as a sophisticated, responsive agency that works with community leaders, the public, law enforcement, health care and other community-based agencies that has led to them becoming one of the region's leading providers of behavioral health programming. CTP provides services in 21 counties throughout southern and southeastern Colorado, including Huerfano County. CTP provides a full-continuum of services ranging from prevention through recovery, specialized services for men and women involved with the criminal justice system, pregnant/postpartum women, and women with children. CTP's individual clients and communities will benefit greatly from enhanced SUD service capacity. For all of these reasons, our Board strongly supports Crossroads' Turning Points, Inc. and their request for funding.

Sincerely, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

Arica Andreatta, Chairman

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