



Prevention Coalition of Huron County Meeting Minutes January 6, 2026

Present:

- **In Person:** Bethany Chime, Clear Minds Coaching & Counseling; Paige Snyder, Huron County Public Health; Grace Habeck, Huron County Public Health; Nicole Marks, Huron County Public Health; Dave Ditz, Huron County Sheriff's Office; Michelle Aplin, Willard City Schools; Ashley Morrow, Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services; Arika Speicher, EHOVE; Angie Symanski, Arrowhead; Jordan Schwochow, Ohio State Highway Patrol
- **Microsoft Teams:** Angela Pocock, Huron County Job & Family Services; Renee Leber, The Caring Collective; Maria 'Max' Maxwell, Family Life Counseling & Psychiatric Services; Carol Wheeler, Norwalk Area United Fund; Niki Cross, Huron County FCFC; Sue Wilson, Family Life Counseling & Psychiatric Services; Bridget Henebry, SOAR; Alexis Webb, Family Health Services; Charise Briggs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lauren Robinson, Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services; Fallon Winterstein, Lets Get Real; Jackie White, Norwalk City Schools; Zachary Goines, Lets Get Real

SOAR: Bridget Henebry presented on SOAR. *See attached powerpoint for information on the project. Contact Bridget at Bridget.Henebry@osumc.edu Visit website for more information: [SOAR](#)*

Grant Updates:

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH)'s Youth Suicide Prevention (YS) Grant:

- The selected "Tier 1" activity is reducing access to lethal means. Currently working on partnerships with Family & Children First Council. Goodwill Industries and Senior Enrichment Center have both signed MOUs and we are waiting on them to pick up their safes. The group discussed switching to new product distribution for Tier 1 from gun safes to medication lock bags and timed medminders. Paige will reach out to Sarah Lee from Ohio Department of Health to confirm these products are allowable for the YSP grant. Gun safes will continue to be ordered, just in a smaller amount due to a decrease in interest for safes.
- The selected "Tier 2" activity is Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) training. Huron County Public Health continues to look for new partners.
- The selected "Tier 3" activity is the SOS (Signs of Suicide) Program. Paige followed up with Willard regarding SOS implementation. They received the feedback well and agreed to notify Family Life Counseling of any future implementation. Contacting Family Life Counseling before implementation has been added to the MOU for any future partners. Norwalk City Schools implemented SOS at the end of the calendar year and it went well. Jordy Horowitz will be implementing it again at the beginning of this calendar year with his new students for this semester.

Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Grant:

- Charlotte Stonebrook (Sandusky County Public Health) will be sharing local training opportunities to bring to the coalition.
- Dave Ditz shared that compliance checks were not able to be completed in 2025 due to staff turnover.

The Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant:

- No updates for the DFC grant at this time.

General Prevention Updates:

- The group discussed Operation Street Smart on April 14, 2026. The new location at Norwalk High School has been updated on Eventbrite as well as the flyer. There are 109 slots still open for this event. *See attached flyer or register here [Street Smart: Ohio Tickets, Tue, Apr 14, 2026 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#).*
- Those interested in receiving prevention credentials can reach out to Paige and she will connect you with Jamie Belcher from Sandusky County. Prevention credits and social work credits cannot be earned simultaneously. *Link for more information: [Prevention / Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board](#).*
- The group discussed the February newsletter. February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness month and Eating Disorder Awareness month. ARISE will have a permanent spot on the newsletter to share their updates.
- Niki Cross shared that ARISE is meeting on January 15, 2026 and will discuss Youth Summit attendance. ARISE members will be trained on Catch My Breath.
- Suicide Prevention Resource brochures – 3,000 ordered. They were available to take at the meeting. *Please let Paige know if you would like some for your agency.*
- The group discussed the children who are not attending traditional schools such as homeschooled children, those attending Townsend Community School and EHOVE. Arika shared there are multiple events coming up that Paige can attend to represent the coalition and HCPH. Paige will reach out to Townsend Community School to inquire about attending their events. Jackie White will look for contact information for the homeschool co-op group.
- Paige sent out a survey to Huron County high schools to gather information regarding their prom and after prom. Responses have been from Willard, Norwalk, and Western Reserve. Paige will send out a reminder to the schools that have not completed the survey yet and share the information at the February meeting.
- The substance use subcommittee section has been removed from the agenda and those topics will be discussed during the open discussion part of the meeting, due to the committee meeting directly after the coalition meeting and everyone stays to participate so it is not a separate meeting. The topics will still be covered, they are just no longer separated on the agenda.
- Paige will be creating a survey for coalition members to complete. This survey will gather information on what the coalition would like to see in the county in regards to prevention work.

Upcoming Events/Trainings/Reminders:

- Next Prevention Coalition Meeting: February 3, 2026 @ 10:00AM, HCPH Conf. Rm. #1
- Youth Summit: March 3, 2026, 9am-1pm @ Grace Community Church, Fremont, Ohio
- Operation Street Smart Ohio: April 14, 2026, 10am-1pm @ ***Norwalk High School Fisher-Titus Learning Center***