Huron County Public Health

Prevention Coalition of Huron County Meeting Minutes
May 5, 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; Nicole Williams, Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties; Breanna Mantz, Goodwill Industries; Jackie White, Norwalk City Schools; Niki Cross, Huron County Family and Children First Council; Angie Symanski, Arrowhead; Carol Wheeler, Norwalk Area United Fund; Keith Mora, Norwalk City Schools; Cheryl Englehart, Norwalk City Schools

- **Microsoft Teams:** Renee Leber, The Caring Collective; Matt Roche, Norwalk Ohio News; Erin Darby, Epiphany; Lauren Robinson, Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services

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. HCPH has officially partnered with Mercy Health – Willard to distribute locking medication bags. Please let Paige know if your agency is interested in distributing safes and/or locking medication bags. If you are a current partner for Tier 1, you will not need a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), as similar products are specified in the currently signed MOU.
- The selected "Tier 2" activity is Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) training. Huron County Public Health continues to look for new partners. HCPH will host a CALM training on June 1, 2026, 9am-1pm at Huron County Public Health. ***See attached flyer to register.***
- The selected 'Tier 3" activity is the SOS (Signs of Suicide) Program. Norwalk plans to implement in this semester of the 2025-2026 school year. No update on Monroeville's implementation.

Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Grant:

- Paige reviewed the results of the 2025 EPIIC Community Survey with the group. ***See attached PowerPoint and pdf for results.***
- Environmental scans are due August 1, 2026. There are ~10 locations in Huron County, Paige will be completing these in June or July. Let Paige know if you are interested in helping complete the scans.
- The group discussed the evaluations of Street Smart: Ohio training that occurred on April 14, 2026. The majority of respondents expressed interest in a longer training option. Street

Smart: Ohio does offer a 4-hour training, which would fill the respondents' requests. HCPH plans to host Street Smart: Ohio training at least once a year.

The Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant:

- No updates for the DFC grant at this time.

State Prevention Block Grant:

- No updates for this grant at this time.

Federal Prevention Block Grant:

- No updates for this grant at this time.

Project Gambling:

- HCPH is looking to order coasters with prevention messaging to distribute to bars in the county. ***See attached for coaster design.***

General Prevention Updates:

- 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*.
- Breanna from Goodwill shared updates. ***See attached flyer for information.***
    - The youth transitional shelter is running and they have received applications, but there has been a delay in getting the youth into the shelter.
- The group discussed hosting a No Wrong Door training for Huron County. No Wrong Door training's goal is to have agencies come to the training to learn about what programs/services other agencies in the area are offering. This training will help equip agencies with knowledge on where to refer anyone who may call their agency looking for a service they may not offer.
- Paige finished the Community Commitment letter. Dave Ditz reached out to Shannon Chaffins, Willard Police Chief, to confirm his interest in participating again this year. Paige was able to use his signature from the previous year for the letter.
- The group discussed Find Your Anchor boxes. Paige has reached out to the schools to gauge their interest in having these boxes for students in need. So far, majority of Huron County schools have expressed interest in the boxes. HCPH plans to order and assemble the boxes this summer. Paige will keep the coalition updated on this process. Niki Cross shared that ARISE would be interested in helping assemble the boxes as well. Box materials: deck of 52+ Reasons to Live cards, a sensory strip with box breathing, posters, stickers, a letter from a stranger who cares, and a mixtape full of uplifting music.
- Paige and Grace attended the 21st Annual NAMI walk at Terra State on Saturday May 2, 2026. This is an event HCPH would be interested in attending every year. Paige will plan to send out the NAMI walk information to the coalition next year.
- ARISE
    - Currently 21 members registered to receive notifications on the app
    - Niki and Paige are taking 4 members to a youth advocacy day on Friday May 8, 2026
    - Members will be trained in Catch My Breath in June. After this training, they will begin working with the 5th and 6th grades next school year.
    - Niki plans to take members to the Youth-to-Youth conference in July
    - Lance has been a big support for ARISE

- Applied for a $750 Communities Talk grant

Upcoming Events/Trainings/Reminders:

- Community Day of Health: May 18, 2026 @ 2:00pm-5:00pm, First United Methodist Church (Norwalk) ***See attached flyer for information.***
- CALM Training: June 1, 2026 @ 9:00am, Huron County Public Health, Conference Room 1
- Coalition Meeting: June 2, 2026 @ 10:00am, Huron County Public Health, Conference Room 1 ***No virtual option for this meeting***