



Prevention Coalition of Huron County Meeting Minutes May 6, 2025

Present:

- **In Person:** Charise Briggs, VA Northeast Ohio; Bethany Chime, Clear Minds Coaching & Counseling; Niki Cross, Huron County FCFC; David Ditz, Huron County Sheriff's Office; Tim Hollinger, Huron County Public Health; Nicole Marks, Huron County Public Health; Paige Snyder, Huron County Public Health; Max Mowel, Family Life Counseling & Psychiatric Services; Angie Symanski, Arrowhead; Haley Kubicki, Charlie Health; Lindsey Ingram, Juvenile Court; Breanna Mantz, Goodwill Industries; Ashley Morrow, Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services; Carol Wheeler, Norwalk Area United Fund; Courtney Baughman, Goodwill Industries
- **Microsoft Teams:** Michelle Aplin, Willard City Schools; Lauren Robinson, Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services

Huron VSC VBA VHA Resource Document: Charise Briggs discussed the resource document for veterans in need of 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 is currently partnered with the Huron County Sheriff's Office, Mobile Crisis Response Team, Fisher-Titus Medical Center, Family Life Counseling & Psychiatric Services, Clear Minds Counseling & Coaching, and Norwalk City Schools (new) to distribute gun safes and cable locks. Cable locks and gun safes have been distributed to all partners except HCSO and Family Life Counseling & Psychiatric Services. Please let Paige know if you are interested in distributing gun locks or safes.
- The selected "Tier 2" activity is Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) training. Huron County Public Health partnered with CALM America to offer the CALM training to Fisher Titus emergency department personnel on June 2nd. There were 4 FTMC staff in attendance. Please let Paige know if you are interested in hosting a CALM training for your agency.
- The selected "Tier 3" activity is the SOS (Signs of Suicide) Program. The program has been purchased for Willard City Schools (MS and HS) and Norwalk City Schools (MS). Neither school was able to implement the program this year, but will during the 2025-2026 school year. If other schools are interested, please let Paige know.

Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Grant:

- Paige reminded the group that the EPIIC Community Assessment survey is ongoing, and the goal is 380 completed surveys for Huron County. Huron County currently has 101 completed. The survey will close on or around 6/27/25 depending on the number completed. Please complete the survey and share the survey link: <https://epiphanycommunityservices.research.net/r/EPIICCS2025>.
- Environmental scans and compliance checks will happen this summer.

The Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant:

- MHAS is still working with the CDC to transfer the grant to HCPH.

Data:

- Those in attendance discussed the ~20 question survey that was worked on last summer. Tim Hollinger reviewed the purpose of the survey, which was meant to provide additional information that could not be gathered through the larger, standardized surveys like OHYES. Discussion followed regarding quality and quantity of the questions. The group made suggestions for changes to the questions. Paige will update the survey and send back to the group. Niki Cross stated she will share the survey with ARISE to gain youth feedback.

General Prevention Updates:

- Following the previous meeting, Paige has submitted her application to attend the Train-the-Trainer for Sources of Strength. Pending scholarship approval, she will attend the training 6/23/25-6/26/25 in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- The group discussed the new dispensary, The Cannabist Company, coming to Huron County. Paige will reach out to the company to establish a relationship with them regarding prevention.
- Tim discussed his knowledge of the youth homelessness in Huron County. Breanna discussed the possibility of Goodwill Industries providing temporary shelter to the youth homeless population, ages 18-24. Breanna stated that this is just the beginning of this idea, so the official planning is not in place yet. However, the end goal is to have a temporary housing complex for youth aged 18-24 in Huron County.

Subcommittee Updates:

- Niki Cross provided an update on the youth-led coalition, ARISE. ARISE has seven students attending regularly. There is funding available to send all students to the Youth-to-Youth conference coming up at Ohio Wesleyan University. The funding pays for transportation, lodging, food, etc. Niki will send the interest flyer for ARISE to Paige, Paige will send the flyer out to the coalition.
- Substance Use Subcommittee:
 - Paige and Ashley will meet before the next meeting to discuss the direction of the Substance Use Subcommittee and the 2025 outreach calendar. This meeting will be discussed at the next coalition meeting.
 - Paige shared the success of the graduation letter in regards to getting almost all Huron County schools to sign off on the letter. Paige suggested this be an annual letter to be sent out, but she will begin the work on it earlier in the year.

Upcoming Events/Trainings/Reminders:

- Ohio School Safety Summit – June 9 & 10, 2025: <https://ohioschoolsafetysummit.com/> Paige will be attending.
- Next Prevention Coalition Meeting: July 1, 2025 @ 10:00AM, HCPH Conf. Rm. #1

- Charise Briggs will be leading a CALM Convo training at the next Prevention Coalition Meeting.