



**Prevention Coalition of Huron County  
Meeting Minutes  
4-5-2024  
Huron County Public Health**

- **Introductions**

Coalition members in attendance: Becky Hile, Tim Hollinger, Nicole Marks, Erin Darby, Shylee Greszler, Sydney Liala, Amy Palsa, Dan Makruski, David Ditz, Sue Wilson, Alaina Konik, Sarah Nutter, Karlee Varney, Fallon

Teams meeting virtual attendance: Bethany Chime, Charise Briggs, Brian Bollinger

- **Name Change from PROSPER To Prevention Coalition of Huron County**

Legally PROSPER name cannot be used, it is already a trademarked and licensed name of an organization working in prevention. The purpose of the Prevention Coalition is to be a ghostwriter for the work that the members are already doing. The coalition will provide a way for members to showcase their work, we will help compile and present data when needed. Huron County Public Health will serve as the fiscal and administrative agent for the coalition.

- **Bylaws**

Power point presentation showing the draft of the coalition bylaws was presented.

Members were asked for suggestions and/or changes. Bylaws are not complete and will be presented at a future meeting once finalized.

- **Grants Overview**

- NACCHO/SOAPP Grant

- The purpose of this grant is to bring together organizations in Huron County to develop a strategic and action plan. Focus is on youth suicides, overdoses and ACES.

- Drug Free Communities (DFC grant)

- HCMHAS has applied for the year 3 funding. Since prevention work is now at Huron County Public Health, once funding is approved it will be transferred to HCPH.
    - Explained the 12 sector representatives that are needed per the grant (12 sectors are youth, parent, business, media, school, youth serving organization, religious or fraternal organization, law enforcement, civic or volunteer group, healthcare professional or organization, state, local or tribal government agency with expertise in substance misuse, and other organization involved in reducing substance misuse. Currently the coalition

needs a youth representative, a religious or fraternal organization representative, and another organization involved in reducing substance use. The other representatives have been filled. These representatives will be able to delegate a proxy to attend if they are unable.

- Focus of this grant is youth alcohol and cannabis misuse.
- Compliance checks will be scheduled with the help of David Ditz and the Huron County Sheriff's Office
- Environmental scans -BGSU contact has not returned emails about helping to complete these. In the past, they have assisted using it as class credit. These are a requirement of the grant.

▪ **Strategic Prevention Framework Grant (SPF)**

- 4 county collaborative grant (Huron, Sandusky, Wyandot, and Seneca counties)
- Currently ends September 28, 2024, but Sandusky County has already reapplied for funding.
- OHYES surveys done through the schools are a requirement. Will need school cooperation to compare data that is received via the surveys to the state averages.
- Required to have 10 coalition meetings a year.
- Also requires the same 12 sector representatives, compliance checks and environmental scans same as the DFC grant.
- Erin from Epiphany was present and explained the capacity survey. Capacity surveys are completed by members of the coalition to better understand the needs, challenges, and improvements of the coalition. We need at least 10 members to complete the survey to get a good understanding of the coalition. This survey is also a requirement of the grant.

The link for the survey will be sent out with the meeting minutes.

Member: <https://epiphanycommunityservices.research.net/r/2024HuronCap>

▪ **Youth Suicide Prevention Grant (YS24)**

- Target age of youth is 10-24
- Has three main objectives: First is reducing access to lethal means (and other safe storage practices). Second is the virtual hope box which is an online tool for youth to remember what they are thankful for, something to look back on in times of poor mental health. And thirdly, support resilience through an education program. Sources of Strength is the chosen resiliency program since schools in the county use it. Norwalk Schools currently use the program and Bellevue has expressed interest in this program.
- Application for FY25 has been started.

• **Subcommittee meetings updates**

▪ Youth Success Committee

Karlee Varney provided an update on the committee. Meetings have been on hold while the prevention coordinator has been getting the hang of things. Meetings will be resuming; they are currently scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month and more information will be coming. If interested in joining this subcommittee, let us know so we can add you to the email list.

▪ Substance Use Committee

The meetings are led by Ashley Morrow. The meeting scheduled for Tuesday will be cancelled but ready to resume meetings. Meetings were on hold until the prevention coordinator was hired and trained. More information about the meetings resuming will be sent out soon. If you are interested in joining this subcommittee, let Becky know and we will add you to the email list for future information.

- Youth Led Coalition- new coalition that is planning on being started. Will be led by the youth in the community. Niki Cross and FCFC have secured funding in the amount of \$7000 for the coalition. The initial plan is to recruit students by the end of the school year and have a kickoff in the fall at the start of the school year.

- **Executive Committee nominees**

Need to fill the open 4 positions of the executive committee (chair, co-chair, secretary, treasurer) The other positions will consist of a nonvoting member of the Huron County Health Department and the voting prevention coordinator, Becky Hile.

Nominations are to be sent to Becky via email ([rhile@huroncountyhealth.com](mailto:rhile@huroncountyhealth.com).) All names are needed one week before the next meeting.

- **Discussion**

- Voted on a set meeting time, meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10am., making the next meeting May 7, 2024, at 10am. Location will remain at Huron County Public Health.
- Meeting was then open for discussion from members about what did or didn't work in the previous coalition and what the coalition wants to see moving forward:
  - Members indicated that there was a lot of theory and not a lot of action. There were meetings without a clear purpose and a lack of clear direction. They need to see the goals and objectives of what is happening in the community and coalition, along with a need to focus on teamwork/collaboration and not competing for services.
  - Want to know what others are doing and what resources are available.
  - Keeping lines of communication open to all.
  - Members want to know how we can help each other fill their needs, give members the opportunity to share what they can offer and how others can help.
  - Want to see more interactive discussions and presentations that are data driven.
  - The group would like to see seminars/educational opportunities that are relevant to our work in prevention.
  - Group voted that LGBTQ+ committee should be invited back to coalition to participate if they wish.