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## Prevention Coalition of Huron County Meeting Minutes February 3, 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; Arika Speicher, EHOVE; Angie Symanski, Arrowhead; Alexis Fleming, Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services; Breanna Mantz, Goodwill Industries; Nicole Williams, Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties; Ryan William, Goodwill Industries; Melissa Whiteman, Love Grows Love; Rylee Pickens, Love Grows Love; Kelly Copsey, Goodwill Industries
- **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; Sue Wilson, Family Life Counseling & Psychiatric Services; Fallon Winterstein, Lets Get Real; Jackie White, Norwalk City Schools; Jeff Ritz, Willard City Schools; Carol Baden, Ohio Department of Health; Nicole Beck, Family Health Services; Jordan Schwochow, Ohio State Highway Patrol

### 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 ordered 226 locking medication bags this quarter, as of today 42 have arrived and are ready to distribute to partners. Current partners do not need a new MOU due to "similar items" being included in current MOU. The rest of the bags should be arriving within the next few weeks; Paige will keep partners updated on the arrival. Gun safes will still be ordered, but in a smaller amount. At the end of the meeting, the 42 locking bags were distributed to current partners.
- The selected "Tier 2" activity is Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) training. Huron County Public Health continues to look for new partners. Love Grows Love is interested. Paige has reached out to Mercy Health – Willard, Troy is discussing with is team.
- The selected "Tier 3" activity is the SOS (Signs of Suicide) Program. Willard and Norwalk implemented SOS in the first semester of the 2025-2026 school year. Norwalk plans to implement in this semester of the 2025-2026 school year.

Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Grant:

- The Youth Summit is on March 3, 2026. Paige will be attending this per the SPF grant. Willard City Schools leadership class had planned to attend, but with the amount of school

days missed due to inclement weather, they have decided against it. Due to the deadline to register being February 6, 2026, there is not enough time to coordinate attendance for other Huron County schools. Jamie Belcher, Sandusky County Public Health, will give spots to Bellevue students that reside in Huron County. This SPF deliverable will still be met and paid.

- As part of EPIIC (Enhancing Prevention Initiative and Infrastructure Consortium), we are required to complete a coalition capacity survey. The coalition capacity survey will identify how coalition members feel about what the coalition is doing, the work you do to support it, and the general knowledge you have or are experiencing. To ensure that your data is valid and relevant, EPIIC asks that you complete the questionnaire within a relatively small window of time, 60 days from opening. The link will open and allow you to take the survey starting Tuesday, February 3, 2026, and **you will have until Saturday, April 4, 2026, to complete the survey**. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete, and all responses are anonymous. *See attached QR code to take survey.*
- Paige presented the Hidden In Plain Sight activity for the HCPH all staff training on January 28, 2026. This served as practice for Paige to prepare for setting up this activity on April 14, 2026, after Operation Street Smart Ohio.

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 90 slots still open for this event.** 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 March newsletter. Paige will, tentatively, include the opening of Clear Minds Counseling & Coaching Willard office. **Send any information you want in the newsletter to Paige by end of day Thursday, February 26, 2026.**
- Paige presented the responses gathered from the Prom Survey. Norwalk City Schools, New London, and Norwalk Catholic Schools did not complete the survey. Paige will reach back out to these schools for their responses. Once these surveys have been completed, Paige will share the updates with the group.
- Paige shared the Funding Survey responses with the group. The group will discuss these responses at the March meeting to begin planning how to use prevention funds for Huron County. *Please see attached for survey responses.*
- Breanna and Ryan from Goodwill shared updates.
  - Breanna shared updates on the Point In Time survey happening today, February 3, 2026.
  - Breanna shared the Financial Literacy Class schedule. *See attached.*
  - Breanna shared the Mission Department Survey. This survey is on paper but can be completed by sending an email to [bmantz@goodwillsandusky.org](mailto:bmantz@goodwillsandusky.org) See attached survey.
  - Ryan shared updates on the re-entry program. This program is for individuals that were recently released from incarceration to help them get back on their feet.

- Grace shared that local medical providers shared their desire to have a mental health resource booklet for the county. This booklet would be a quick guide for medical providers to refer patients to when they need mental health support. The booklet will include mental health providers in the area, a section that explains when to refer patients and where (i.e. MRSS, MCRT, 988, or a general mental health provider) *See attached for Grace's notes.*
- The group began discussion the gaps in service for young adults aged 20+. The group agreed to put this topic back on the March agenda to begin addressing this need. *See attached for Grace's notes.*

**Upcoming Events/Trainings/Reminders:**

- 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**