



Prevention Coalition of Huron County Meeting Minutes August 4, 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; Alexis Fleming, Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services; Melissa Whiteman, Love Grows Love; Fallon Winterstein, Lets Get Real; Krista Snyder, Boys and Girls Club Norwalk; Michelle Aplin, Willard City Schools; Arika Speicher, EHOVE; Angie Szymanski, Arrowhead; Jada Ferkel, Polly's Place; Rachel Aslanides; Oak House
- **Microsoft Teams:** Breanna Mantz, Goodwill Industries; Carol Wheeler, Norwalk Area United Fund; Renee Leber, The Caring Collective; Maria 'Max' Maxwell, Family Life Counseling; Niki Cross, Huron County Family and Children First Council; Nicole Williams, North Central Behavioral Health Board; Angel Young, Bellevue City Schools; Caryn Wagner, Miriam House

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 gun safes and locking medication bags for the Tier 1 activity. No Updates for this Tier.
- The selected "Tier 2" activity is Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) training. No updates for this Tier.
- The selected "Tier 3" activity is the SOS (Signs of Suicide) Program. No updates for this Tier.
- Strategic Plan: Paige shared the YSP Strategic Plan draft with the group. Once the final plan is complete, Paige will share it with the group.

Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Grant:

- For the SPF grant, participating in a media campaign is a required deliverable. EPIIC created the media content that is to be used for this campaign. HCPH has leased a billboard beginning August 17, 2026 that will run for 6 weeks. They will also have a physical copy of the campaign to hand out at events. The campaign will also be posted on social media. The goal for all of EPIIC (Sandusky, Huron, Wyandot, Seneca, and Ottawa Counties) is to have 1 million impressions by December 31, 2025.
- Environmental scans were completed. Bethany Chime assisted Paige in completing these for the county.

The Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant:

- No updates for this grant at this time.

North Central Behavioral Health Board Grants:

- HPCH's lawyer is currently reviewing the contract for these funds. Once these funds are received by HCPH, Paige will schedule a speaker for the coalition.

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](#).*
- Goodwill
 - Ohio Veterans Home is closing on August 15, 2026, including their homeless shelter. Breanna is going to address this confusion with VOA, as some staff are saying the homeless shelter is not closing, but the VOA is telling Breanna they are closing.
- ARISE
 - Continue to meet monthly
 - 2 members have been certified in Catch My Breath to do prevention training. They want to focus on implementing in the 5th grade classes in the county.
 - Goal is to expand interest in the group this summer by participating in the Huron County Fair and attending school open houses.
 - Schools may be interested in having ARISE members train school leadership classes in Catch My Breath, so they can then train more students in their district.
- Find Your Anchor (FYA)
 - The boxes have arrived. HCPH has secured the conference room on August 26, 2026 from 9:00am-3:00pm to assemble the boxes. Paige will send out a calendar invite to the group as a reminder of the event. Those wishing to attend may come and go as they please during that day, we will plan to break for lunch from 12:00pm-1:00pm.
- Overdose Awareness Day
 - HCPH has partnered with let's Get Real to host Overdose Awareness Day. This event will be on August 31, 2026, at Suhr Park in Norwalk from 5:00pm-7:00pm. We are looking for agencies that would like to set up a table. We currently have Norwalk Police Department, Clear Minds Coaching & Counseling, Firelands Counseling, FCFC and Boys & Girls Club. More details to come for this event. ***Please let Paige know if you would like to have a table set up. See attached save the date flyer.***
- No Wrong Door
 - During previous multi-agency meetings hosted by HCPH, there has been a concern that agencies are unaware of certain services other agencies provide. To address this concern, HCPH is looking to plan a No Wrong Door training. This training includes local agencies that provide services and/or information to the public. These agencies will be able to briefly present their services to the group. The goal of this event is to have local agencies connected and know what services each other provides, so if a community member reaches out to them, they are able to point them in the right direction of services.
- Grace shared information regarding ONEBox. See link for information regarding this resource. <https://www.rthree.io/>
- Niki Cross shared that FCFC has created a truancy partnership to address truancy in schools. Contact Niki for more details. Nicole.Cross@jfs.ohio.gov

Upcoming Events/Trainings/Reminders:

- Huron County Fair: August 17-22, 2026 @ Huron County Fairgrounds. HCPH will have a booth set up Monday-Friday.
- Find Your Anchor Box packing: August 26, 2026 @ 9:00am-3:00pm, Huron County Public Health Conference Room 1
- Overdose Awareness Day: August 31, 2026 @ 5:00pm-7:00pm at Suhr Park 35 W. Main St., Norwalk
- Coalition Meeting: September 1, 2026 @ 10:00am, Huron County Public Health, Conference Room 1