



Prevention Coalition of Huron County Meeting Minutes September 2, 2025

Present:

- **In Person:** Bethany Chime, Clear Minds Coaching & Counseling; Niki Cross, Huron County FCFC; David Ditz, Huron County Sheriff's Office; Tim Hollinger, Huron County Public Health; Paige Snyder, Huron County Public Health; Michelle Aplin, Willard City Schools; Alexis Fleming, Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services; Max Mowel, Family Life Counseling & Psychiatric Services; Scott Summerlin, community member; Carol Wheeler, Norwalk Area United Fund; Jackie White, Norwalk City School District
- **Microsoft Teams:** Ashley Morrow, Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services; Matt Roche, Norwalk Ohio News; Haley Kubicki, Charlie Health

Shifting Gears: Paige Snyder, HCPH Prevention Coordinator, presented the Shifting Gears training to the group. Shifting Gears is a training for youth that addresses the dangers of driving under the influence of marijuana. Paige will reach out to the schools to see if they are interested in the training. Let Paige know if there are any youth groups that will benefit from this training.

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. 129 gun safes were ordered this month. HCPH is awaiting shipping confirmation. Due to grant restrictions, safes will be ordered quarterly instead of a bulk order like in the past. HCPH has added Harbor/OhioRise as a partner for Tier 1. HCPH distributed safes at the Overdose Awareness event on August 29, 2025. HCPH will distribute safes at the Recovery Walk on September 6, 2025.
- The selected "Tier 2" activity is Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) training. Huron County Public Health continues to look for new partners. No response from Huron County Responder Exposure Assistance & Care Team (REACT). Let Paige know if you are interested in hosting a CALM training course for your agency.
- The selected "Tier 3" activity is the SOS (Signs of Suicide) Program. Paige met with Norwalk City Schools (NCS), Willard City Schools (WCS), and Monroeville Local Schools (MLS) the week of August 18, 2025, to discuss implementation. MLS has signed an MOU. Licensing for MLS was purchased on September 2, 2025.
- Paige presented the draft strategic plan to the group. Upon completion, Paige will send the final copy to the group.

Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Grant:

- Environmental scans were completed with the help of Andrea Phelps, Family Life Counseling & Psychiatric Services.
- Paige shared the logic models with the group. The logic models were created using data from 2024 OHYES!, the 2025 EPIIC Community Survey, and 2025 focus group interviews. With the help of Grace Habeck, HCPH Data Analyst, Paige will create infographics of the data collected through OHYES!.

The Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant:

- No updates for the DFC grant.

General Prevention Updates:

- At the September meeting for ARISE, they will be discussing their calendar of events as well as the implementation of Community Talks. They have plans to create social media pages dedicated specifically to Huron County ARISE.
- Stark County MHAR approved the coalition using their template and wording for the pocket size brochure of suicide prevention resources. Paige received a quote from Firelands FasPrint for this, and a PO has been submitted. The brochures will be ordered once the PO has been approved. There will be 1000 brochures ordered, and the goal is to get them out to as many area agencies and schools willing to take them.
- Niki presented the Youth Survey draft at the August ARISE meeting. Paige will send the updated draft. Paige will reach out to the superintendents to gauge their interest/willingness to distribute this survey to their schools.

Subcommittee Updates:

- Scott Summerlin suggested fentanyl be a focus for the Substance Use Subcommittee. He referenced a conversation he had with Ashley Morrow, MHAS, about the data for Huron County regarding fentanyl use. Paige will follow up with Ashley to see how we can move forward with this topic.

Upcoming Events/Trainings/Reminders:

- Next Prevention Coalition Meeting: October 7, 2025 @ 10:00AM, HCPH Conf. Rm. #1
- Recovery Walk – September 6, 2025 @ Norwalk Reservoir
- Lakeside Employee Health Fair – October 1st and 2nd. *(Not open to the public, HCPH will be distributing items/info to employees)*
- Reading Under the Lights – September 8, 2025, 6-7:30pm @ Contractor's Stadium
- Networking Workshop – September 12, 2025, 8am-3:30pm @ Norwalk High School Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center. RSVP to Niki by Monday September 8, 2025, for meal count purposes.