



Prevention Coalition of Huron County Meeting Minutes May 6, 2025

Present:

- **In Person:** Michelle Aplin, Willard City Schools; Charise Briggs, VA Northeast Ohio; Bethany Chime, Clear Minds Coaching & Counseling; Niki Cross, Huron County FCFC; David Ditz, Huron County Sheriff's Office; Alexis Fleming, Firelands Counseling & Recovery Services; Tim Hollinger, Huron County Public Health; Nicole Marks, Huron County Public Health; Angela Pocock, Huron County JFS; Paige Snyder, Huron County Public Health; Jackie White, Norwalk City School District; Sue Wilson, Family Life Counseling & Psychiatric Services; Angie Symanski, Arrowhead
- **Microsoft Teams:** Haley Kubicki, Charlie Health

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 (new), Clear Minds Counseling & Coaching (new) to distribute gun safes and cable locks. Cable locks are now available and gun safes are currently awaiting shipment. Please let Paige or Nicole 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 is partnering CALM America to offer the CALM training to Fisher Titus emergency department personnel on June 2nd. Please let Paige or Nicole 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 or Nicole know. Sue Wilson requested SOS information be sent to her; they implement the adventure therapy program and could potentially implement SOS. Paige will send the information following today's meeting.

Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Grant:

- The EPIIC Community Assessment document highlights were reviewed with the group. Zyn came up in the youth focus group, but schools report not being aware that this is an issue.
- Nicole reminded the group that the EPIIC Community Assessment survey is ongoing and the goal is 400 completed surveys for Huron County. 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:

- Nicole shared that per Ohio MHAS, OHYES! Data reports from 2024 are coming soon.
- 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 whether there are shorter surveys already available, whether schools had champions that could promote the survey, and whether there are focus groups that already exist that we could do the survey and/or focus group with. The group decided that the survey should be brought back for review and discussion in the June meeting.

General Prevention Updates:

- Niki Cross highlighted the need for a county-wide trainer for the Sources of Strength program. There are currently four schools in Huron County implementing Sources of Strength. The goal is to identify a neutral agency that can be trained as a trainer and offer TA to schools implementing the program. The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) has funding available to cover the cost of training. This program meets the state requirements for a 6th – 12th grade suicide and violence prevention program. Discussion followed about the exact “ask” of the trainer, which would include a four-day training in June and typically 1 day of training for high school and one day of training for middle school, per school, during the school day, per year. HCPH is exploring the opportunity and has a few questions for OSPF before they can commit to the training. FCFC will also discuss the opportunity with the Sheriff’s Office, as they feel a school resource officer could also be a good fit for a trainer spot.

Subcommittee Updates:

- Niki Cross provided an update on the youth-led coalition, ARISE. ARISE has five 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.
- Substance Use Subcommittee:
 - The draft letter and press release for graduation season that was discussed at the April Coalition meeting and sent out to the Coalition prior to today’s meeting was reviewed and discussed. The Coalition approved of the letter/PR as sent, with the addition of the Village and City police departments to the sign-off on the letter. Paige will reach out to partners for signatures. The goal is to send the letter out by May 16.
 - Discussion followed about the Substance Use Subcommittee’s Prevention Calendar that was briefly discussed at the April meeting. Month-to-month observances were reviewed and will be updated accordingly. Additionally, suggestions were made to piggyback off of other people’s events, rather than trying to do a stand-alone event. Suggestions included attending football/basketball games; partnering with the Family First Night at the Norwalk Rec Center (for New Years Eve), the Huron County Fair Board during a fair event, FCFC’s Strengthening Families Picnic (date/time TBD), and/or ROY’s youth summer picnic, etc.

- A prevention coalition newsletter was discussed. The Committee was interested in getting this started to include sending out statistics, grants, messaging ideas, events, holidays, etc.

Upcoming Events/Trainings/Reminders:

- Trauma-Informed Care Planning Meeting – May 16, 2025 at 10am, Huron County Job & Family Services Conference Room
- Ohio School Safety Summit – June 9 & 10, 2025: <https://ohioschoolsafetysummit.com/>
- Next Prevention Coalition Meeting: June 3, 2025 @ 10:00AM, HCPH Conf. Rm. #1