



HURON COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

2 Oak Street
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Mission: Ensure access to mental health and addiction services and resources for prevention, treatment, and recovery supports while educating and advocating for all community members.

September 25, 2023 BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Location: Huron County DJFS, 185 Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk
Time: 4:00pm
The public may attend in person.

Time		Who
4:03 PM	Call to Order	Board Chair
	Prevention Coalition Discussion	
4:06pm	Adjournment	Board Chair



September 25, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ben Chaffee called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Board Members in attendance:

	Katie Chieda - Excused	X	Ben Chaffee, Jr.	X	Erin Bohne
X	Laura M. Wheeler		Julie Landoll - Excused	X	Silvia Hernandez
	Amber Boldman - Excused		Nora Knople - Excused	X	Tom Sharpnack
X	Lenora Minor		John Soisson - Excused	X	Sandy Hovest
X	Carol Anderson		Wendie Parsons-Nuhn - Excused		

Board Staff: Kristen Cardone

Guests: Matt Roche (Norwalk Ohio News), Sue Wilson (Family Life Counseling)

II. PREVENTION COALITION DISCUSSION

Mr. Chaffee stated that multiple Huron County organizations recently met to begin discussions on how to best utilize the county’s opiate settlement funding. Prior to the meeting, participants completed a survey to assist them in identifying the top priorities in the county. The two main identified priorities were youth mental health and prevention services. After discussions regarding the specific needs in these areas, it was determined that additional prevention staff are needed to provide services to meet these needs. It was also determined that the best place for these staff to be housed is with Huron County Family and Children First Council, as the state is moving toward local FCFC’s serving as the lead for prevention in their respective counties.

In an effort to minimize duplication of services and to align with the state, it is recommended that all prevention services, including the local prevention coalition, move under FCFC. In their September 20, 2023 meeting, FCFC voted in favor of transferring existing prevention services to their organization. The Board currently funds Northpoint Educational Service Center for these services and will need to reallocate funding from Northpoint to Huron County FCFC to accomplish this.

o **Northpoint Educational Service Center**

MOTION: 1	To reallocate funding from Northpoint Educational Service Center to Huron County Family and Children First Council effective October 2, 2023.		
Motion Made By:	Carol Anderson	Seconded:	Laura Wheeler

	Katie Chieda		Ben Chaffee, Jr.-Chair	X	Erin Bohne
X	Laura M. Wheeler		Julie Landoll	X	Silvia Hernandez
	Amber Boldman		Nora Knople	X	Tom Sharpnack
A	Lenora Minor		John Soisson	X	Sandy Hovest
X	Carol Anderson		Wendie Parsons-Nuhn		

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 1

o **Huron County Family and Children First Council**

MOTION: 2	Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a FFY 2024 contract with Huron County Family and Children First Council in an amount not to exceed \$73,545.00.		
Motion Made By:	Sandy Hovest	Seconded:	Erin Bohne

	Katie Chieda		Ben Chaffee, Jr.-Chair	X	Erin Bohne
X	Laura M. Wheeler		Julie Landoll	X	Silvia Hernandez
	Amber Boldman		Nora Knople	X	Tom Sharpnack
A	Lenora Minor		John Soisson	X	Sandy Hovest
X	Carol Anderson		Wendie Parsons-Nuhn		

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 1

III. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: 3	To adjourn the September 25, 2023 Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services Special meeting.		
Motion Made By:	Carol Anderson	Seconded:	Tom Sharpnack

The September 25, 2023 meeting of the Board adjourned at 4:06 p.m.