

BRIDGING THE GAP SUB-COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Judge T. Morgan, Monica Hunt, Sarah Palmani, Garry Clift,
Bronna Kahle, Terry Collins, Sheriff Troy Bevier,
Kevon Martis, Tim Kelly

MEETING LOCATION

Old Court House
301 N. Main St,
Adrian, MI 49221

Minutes: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

I. Call to Order

Present: Commissioner Kevon Martis

Also Present: Sheriff Troy Bevier, District Court Judge Todd Morgan, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Community Impact/Advocate Bronna Kahle, Medical Examiner Office Manager Sarah Palmani, Health Officer Monica Hunt, Citizen Garry Clift, Mental Health Rep. Tim Kelly, Communications Coordinator Jen Ambrose, Admin. Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Hamilton Bailey & Bridgett

The meeting was called to order by Comm. Martis at 3:00pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October 14th meeting will be submitted for approval at the November meeting.

III. Old Business

No discussion.

IV. New Business

A. Lenawee Recovery & Reentry Initiative - You Turn Health

Hamilton Baiden, CEO of Youturn Health, and Bridgette Kelly, Vice President of Youturn Health, presented their Lenawee Recovery & Reentry Initiative Proposal.

Biden reported that residents in Lenawee County face a 10x higher risk of overdose, and 85% of those in need are not receiving treatment.

He identified key gaps in behavioral health treatment: asking for help, family support, and engagement. Baiden elaborated that individuals in need often do not ask for help, family members frequently lack adequate support, and individuals may not remain committed to recovery steps.

Youturn is a technology-based platform designed to engage individuals in recovery through video content, 1:1 coaching, and family support. Baiden highlighted their Justice-Involved content, which includes reentry planning, job readiness, grief support, real-life stories, and

more. This content is loaded onto iPads in jail, and participants are provided with a workbook to accompany the material.

Youturn Health employs ACE (Assertive Community Engagement) peer coaches and provides family support. These nationally certified coaches are overseen by coach managers and clinicians and maintain regular, consistent touchpoints with participants. Coaches also make referrals to treatment providers and engage with both participants and their families. Biden emphasized the importance of placing responsibility on professionals, rather than on individuals undergoing treatment.

Biden shared that 89% of Youturn participants remained active six months after starting the program.

Their Collaborative Care Approach includes access to resources such as housing, education, case management, and clinical support. Data from their partnership with the Federal Bureau of Prisons showed a 93% treatment adherence rate, and 79% of participants reported no relapse within 90 days.

A partnership with Lenawee County could be tailored to local needs. Options might include flyers, posters, digital media, handouts, coaching teams, family group meetings, or virtual webinars. The proposed funding period is three years. To date, Youturn has not yet been implemented at the county level.

A discussion followed on the importance of connecting individuals with peer recovery coaches at the right time. A professional would follow up with a participant within 48 to 72 hours after their release from jail.

The logistics of implementing technology on jail tablets were also discussed. Tablets would provide one-way access to pre-recorded video content. If participants later engage in coaching services, this would be 1:1 communication, not AI-driven. Biden noted that referrals could come from courts, families, or any community member.

Youturn Health recovery coaches are licensed in their respective states and hold national certifications. They are required to complete 30 continuing education credits annually. Peer coaches report to clinicians, not to other peers.

V. Public Comment

Discussion opened up regarding the possibility of implementing some of the marketing proposals first, to assist with raising awareness. Additional marketing proposals will come forward in November.

The committee would like to see a variety of marketing tactics.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Bevier, seconded by Clift to adjourn the meeting at 3:58pm. Motion carried.