

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

Commission Chambers

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

Minutes: Wednesday, November 19, 2025

I. Call to Order

Present: Kevon Martis, Terry Collins

Also Sheriff Troy Bevier, District Court Judge Todd Morgan, Community Development

Present: 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, Community Engagement Quinn Wilt, Accountant Matt Turgeon, Admin. Coordinator Carissa Zubke

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: November 4, 2025

Motion by Kahle, seconded by Clift to approve the minutes of November 4, 2025. Motion carried.

III. Old Business

No discussion.

IV. New Business

A. Consumers Drug Take Back - Inmar Rx Solutions

Shawn Canterbury, Director of Consumer Drug Take Back, and Kristen Kavakava, Sustainability & Government Solutions Manager, presented their proposal, Consumers Drug Take Back. The focus of their program is prevention.

They shared that 60% of Lenawee teachers and counselors report student substance use beginning in grades 6–8, and 71% of middle and high school students are at risk for prescription drug misuse in Lenawee.

Inmar has 40 years of experience in healthcare and 8 years in consumer drug take-back. Currently, their kiosks are used in 49 states, including locally by ProMedica and Meijer, with over 4 million pounds of medications collected.

Shawn described how the mail-back program began: empty envelopes were placed throughout the community, so residents could mail back narcotics. Although envelopes are available at sheriff departments and hospitals, there is still a significant need. They also identified the need for sharps disposal.

Kavakava outlined the various options Inmar offers:

- *18-gallon kiosks — can only be installed at DEA-authorized locations (hospitals, sheriff departments).*
- *1-quart sharps containers — expand access for underserved communities or those without transportation.*
- *Mail-back envelopes — can be placed anywhere that allows display; anonymous and include instructions.*

Inmar identified over 150 potential partner locations across Lenawee to support efforts to reduce opioid misuse. Kavakava explained that implementation and service fulfillment could begin as soon as three months. Kiosks include sterilized, replaceable liners and offer usage reporting.

Discussion followed regarding the DEA's current drug take-back days, which occur twice each year in collaboration with ProMedica. Canterbury emphasized that Inmar views their program as enabling "take-back day, every day."

Kiosks must be placed at a physical pharmacy; however, non-pharmacy locations may distribute mail-back envelopes only.

Questions were raised about how residents would obtain sharps containers and learn about the program. Canterbury noted that pharmacies could provide sharps mail-back kits to customers when they fill prescriptions.

If the program is approved, Inmar will assign a representative to work with the County on community outreach and distribution. Pharmacies would be trained to empty the kiosks. Discussion also covered sustainability and funding, with typical sources including grants, retailers, and manufacturers. A key measure of success is the volume of medications returned.

A question was raised about whether there is a breakdown of controlled substances collected. Kavakava stated this is not allowed due to regulations. Only pills may be collected, and the liner cannot be opened. No sharps or hazardous waste are permitted, though most pill forms are acceptable.

Mail-back envelopes are DEA-approved, opaque, sterilized, and minimally marked. When asked whether the envelopes could be misused, Kavakava stated they have not encountered issues and that Inmar has a diversion team available to assist if needed.

V. Public Comment

Discussion opened up regarding the applicants that may not be awarded during the upcoming selection phase. Comm. Martis would encourage applicants to reapply for additional phases and recommends teaming up with other community organizations with similar proposals.

VI. Adjournment

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Motion by Collins to adjourn at 3:30pm, seconded by Palmani. Motion carried.