

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
301 N. Main St,
Adrian, MI 49221

Minutes: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

I. Call to Order

Present: Kevon Martis-Chair, Terry Collins-Vice-Chair

Also Present: Sheriff Troy Bevier, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, 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, Megan Whitmer-LCMH, Community Engagment Quinn Wilt

Absent: Judge Todd Morgan, Bronna Kahle

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2026

Motion by Bevier to approve the minutes of January 21, 2026, seconded by Collins. Motion carried.

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

A. Continued Review of RFP Categories

Comm Martis recalled that at the last meeting, some RFP categories were eliminated. The remaining request for proposals (RFPs) would be discussed at the meeting to determine whether they should not be funded or moved forward.

Martis further shared that the Bridging the Gap Subcommittee would make a formal recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, which holds the final authorization to fund.

The following proposals were discussed, and then it was determined whether they would be recommended categories.

- **Catholic Charities** — Seeking Safety RFP for \$72,000. Comm. Martis asked the Committee if this would be a recommendation to fund; there were no objections. The Committee agreed **YES** to recommend funding for **Catholic Charities**.
- Two Public Relations (PR) proposals were received — **Impact Marketing and WLEN**. After discussion, the Committee agreed **YES** to recommend funding for **Impact Marketing**.

- *The drug take-back proposal from **InMar** for \$44,000 was discussed. Currently, Lenawee has two annual drug take-back days and kiosks stationed at Meijer and law enforcement offices. InMar not only offers secured kiosks, but also mail-in sharps containers and mail-in prescription take-back envelopes. After discussion, a majority of committee members voted **YES** to recommend funding for **InMar**.*
- ***RHINO Narcotics** — The committee members agreed, **NO** recommendation to fund.*
- ***Lenawee Broadcasting WLEN Prevention Media RFP** — The committee members agreed, **NO** recommendation to fund.*
- ***Bicycle Health Evidence-Based Care RFP** for a total of \$810,000 — The committee members agreed, **NO** recommendation to fund.*
- ***Opioid Free America Solutions** proposal for \$196,000 — Working with prescribing physicians. The committee members agreed: **NO** recommendation to fund.*
- ***Goldie Health** — which involves EMS/EMR software — The committee members agreed, **NO** recommendation to fund.*
- *Two medically assisted treatment (**MAT**) proposals were received — one from the **Sheriff's Office and Family Medical Center (FMC)** — Sheriff Bevier recused himself. Bevier also noted that the RFP submitted by the Sheriff's Office could potentially be reduced in amount. Discussion continued; the committee members agreed to **YES**, to recommend funding MAT at **Family Medical Center**.*

Discussion continued: The RFP for medically assisted treatment at the Sheriff's Office would be provided for individuals during incarceration. The RFP from Family Medical Center would provide MAT for individuals post-release from the Jail.

Discussion continued; details of the Family Medical Center (FMC) proposal were shared, which included that FMC would provide MAT to uninsured or underinsured individuals.

Sheriff Bevier shared that their current health provider in the Jail, VitalCore, could administer MAT. However, the biggest hurdle is the expense of the medication.

Comm. Martis further discussed the recommendation process; he is hopeful the subcommittee will meet once more to determine the final recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. Prior to that, Martis discussed an administrative review to take place, during which time additional information from the proposal(s) may be requested.

Related to MAT services, it was stated that a collaboration discussion could take place with Family Medical Center.

Case law at the Jail was discussed; Sheriff Bevier shared that other state case law indicates that if the Jail does not offer medically assisted treatment services, it could be held "deliberately indifferent."

The Family Medical Centers proposal includes plans to assist 50 additional uninsured or underinsured individuals in receiving MAT services.

*Comm. Martis wrapped up the discussion regarding the two medically assisted treatment Proposals — the Committee agreed **to** recommend funding for the Medically Assisted Treatment (**MAT**) Proposal from **Family Medical Center**.*

- ***STOP Program** — **Juvenile Court & Lenawee Community Mental Health (LCMH)**, an 18-month program currently in place. Member Kelly recused himself as he represents LCMH. It was clarified that this collaboration is not new, but will utilize the rebranded S.T.O.P. Program. Last month, the Committee agreed that youth prevention programs should be the primary focus of the recommendation. The Committee decided to **YES** recommend funding **the STOP program**.*

- **Parkside Family Counseling** submitted 3 RFPs, two involving juveniles: Youth Prevention Program and Reset for Success. Their Engagement for All program is for all uninsured adults struggling with substance use disorder (SUD). Discussion took place, and the Committee agreed to recommend funding for **all three Parkside Family Counseling** proposals.
- **McCullough Vargas & Assoc.** Peer Support proposal — Discussion took place that it is not intended for juveniles but for uninsured adults. The Committee agreed to **SET ASIDE** the RFP for MVA Peer Supports.
- **You Turn Health** Recovery & Reentry Initiative — Involves a 3-year Telehealth program for incarcerated individuals. Zysk reviewed the RFP and stated the program is for justice-impacted individuals but also offers family support. Discussion continued regarding the average length of stay at the Jail; the Sheriff reported it was approximately 45 days. The proposal includes reentry content (video education via jail tablets), printed workbooks, pre-release peer coaching, 12-16 weeks of virtual coaching, and family support. Discussion continued, the Committee agreed to **YES** to recommend funding for **You Turn Health**.
- **Work it Health** Collaborative Care Model into Telehealth OUD treatment is a 2-year proposal. Committee members agreed it is important to recommend a telehealth option. The Committee decided **NO**, there is no recommendation for WorkIt Health.
- **Pathways Engagement Center** RFP — It was noted that this proposal was removed last month under "infrastructure" and is not a current recommendation.
- Discussion circled back to **Inmar**; there is an option to distribute envelopes for mailing back prescriptions and/or sharps containers, benefiting individuals who do not wish to drop off narcotics at a law enforcement agency and/or live in a rural area. After further discussion, the majority of committee members voted **YES** to recommend funding for the **InMar** consumer drug take-back program.

Comm Martis summarized the current recommendations to fund, including proposals from: Catholic Charities, Impact Marketing, Family Medical Center, S.T.O.P Program, Three Parkside proposals, YouTurn Health, and InMar.

Comm. Collins recommended obtaining an implementation timeline from each of the funded programs, especially for those needing to acquire additional staff.

V. Public Comment

No comment.

VI. Adjournment

Motion by Collins to adjourn the meeting at 3:46pm, seconded by Bevier. Motion carried.