

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

May 4, 2017

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Al Vanderberg called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Greg Madura	Alpine Township
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Robyn Britton	Nelson Township
Bruce Brown	City of Belding
Mike Burns	City of Lowell
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Charlie DeVries	At-Large Member
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township
Rob DeWard	Gaines Township
David Dewey	Village of Sand Lake
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Adam Elenbaas	Allendale Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
Tom Hooker	Byron Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Karen McCarthy	At-Large
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Julius Suchy	Village of Sparta
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County

Cameron VanWyngarden	Plainfield Township
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Mike Verhulst	City of Grand Rapids
Lynee Wells	City of Grand Rapids
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville

Members Absent:

Rick Baker	At-Large
Micki Benz	At-Large Member
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Rosalynn Bliss	City of Grand Rapids
Jim Buck	Secretary
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Kevin Green	Algoma Township
Diane Jones	Kent County
Matt McConnon	Courtland Township
Tim McLean	City of Wayland
Mike Womack	City of Cedar Springs
Open	Tallmadge Township
Open	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jason Moore	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Mark Rambo	City of Kentwood
Peter Varga	The Rapid
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council
Raphael Diaz	Kalamazoo
Mark Herald	East Grand Rapids
James Carmody	Wyoming
Dennis Kent	MDOT

2. Crisis Management Training Announcement – Lt. Gov. Brian Calley

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley joined healthcare, behavioral health, public safety and emergency responses professionals from 24 organizations and municipalities to announce a new Kent County initiative focused on providing better – and more coordinated – responses for adults struggling with mental health issues. Representatives from the Kent County Chiefs of Police Association, Network180, Mercy Health Saint Mary’s and others helped present the initiative.

Calley also presented a \$1.2 million grant to Network180, the community mental health authority for Kent County. The grant will be used to renovate current Network180 facilities into a 24/7 crisis center that will provide immediate psychiatric care for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis rather than sending them to the emergency room or to jail. The crisis center will offer a walk-in area for crisis intervention, a secure 24-hour crisis stabilization unit and a small-scale crisis residential unit to assist with client placement post discharge.

More than three years in the making, this collaboration of law enforcement, acute care facilities, psychiatric care facilities and community mental health providers is designed to provide better care for adults with mental illness by reducing misdirection, conserving resources and addressing critical needs.

The Initiative will:

- Provide police officers with 40 hours of comprehensive crisis intervention training so they are better equipped to deal with individuals with mental illness
- Provide dispatchers and corrections officers with eight hours of crisis intervention training
- Ensure a system of services that is friendly to individuals with mental illness by providing a forum for area organizations and agencies to collaborate
- Improve mental health pre-arrest diversion systems that are more efficient, effective and responsive to all mental health system participants

The \$50,000 training program, which will begin providing training to law enforcement agencies this month, is being paid through grants from Network180, Metro Health Hospital Foundation and the Kent County Chiefs of Police Association.

3. Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the March 2017 GVMC Board Minutes. MOVE - DeVries. SUPPORT – Poll. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Travel Demand Model Contract

Abed Itani reviewed the proposed contract for the travel demand forecast model. The contract has been approved by both MDOT and Commission Audit.

MOTION – To Approve the Travel Demand Forecast Model Contract. MOVE – Wells. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Other

7. Adjourn 9:45 a.m. MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.