RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Management recommends that the Network180 Board approve a contract of up to $80,000 with the Kent County Health Department using funds from Network180's Mental Health Diversion Council Grant for the purpose of supporting project management for crisis center development.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

• In spring of 2019, the Kent County Administrator’s Office issued a Request for Proposals on behalf of the Kent County Population Health Consortium for a consultant. The consultant’s role has been to develop the Crisis Center Task Force’s recommended crisis campus concept into a concrete Execution Plan for the community. The consultant is charged with achieving buy in from all key community stakeholders for the Execution Plan.

• The Tri-West Group was selected as the consultant to complete this work. Tri-West is a collaboration of 3 parties: Dr. Ken Minkoff, a consulting psychiatrist who has worked in Kent County in the past, Heather Rae, CEO of Common Ground, and Tri-West, a national consultancy specializing in behavioral health crisis systems.

• The County approved a contract with Tri-West and considerable work has been completed.

• The total amount of the original contract, approximately $322,000, was shared among members of the Kent County Population Health Consortium, which includes all local hospitals, the Kent County Health Department, Grand Valley State University, Healthnet, and Network180. The Population Health Consortium is co-chaired by County Administrator/Controller Wayman Britt and local philanthropist Mike Jandernoa.

• The Kent County Health Department has been charged with working with Tri-West to move the community crisis system planning forward.

• The Kent County Health Department is currently in need of supplemental resources to complete crisis center project management activities.

• Network180 has funding for crisis center consultation and project management available in the grant it received from the Governor’s Mental Health Diversion Council. These grant funds must be used by 9/30/20 or they will be forfeited. The Kent County Health Department has arranged to bring on additional staff to conduct project management work related to the Crisis Center. They also have the capacity to sub-contract additional consultation services from Tri-West.

• Network180 seeks to enter into a contract of up to $80,000, sourced with aforementioned grant funds, with the Kent County Health Department to support their direct project management and sub-contracted Tri-West consultation services to continue crisis center development in Kent County.