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To: Legislative Coordinating Council

From: J.G. Scott, Director

Re: Interim 2020 Committee Meeting Approvals

The following four special committees are proposed for approval by the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC). It is my understanding that additional requests for committee meeting days that are received will be presented for approval at a later LCC meeting.

Economic Recovery Interim Study Committee

Proposed Committee Makeup: 13 member Special Committee; Senate Chairperson, House Vice-chairperson

Proposed Meeting Days: 6

Proposed Scope: Review state policies and make recommendations to the Legislature concerning Kansas economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in the areas of taxation, regulatory affairs, business financing, and programs at the Kansas Department of Labor and Kansas Department of Commerce.

Special Committee for Foster Care Oversight

Proposed Committee Makeup: 13 member Special Committee; House Chairperson, Senate Vice-chairperson

Proposed Meeting Days: 6

Proposed Scope: Receive input from families, social workers, and other stakeholders on progress and shortfalls in the State's child welfare system, including quality of care for children in foster care, access to health and mental health services, trends in contributing factors, program outcomes from the Family First Prevention Services Act, and barriers to sharing information across stakeholders; and make recommendations to the Legislature on additional improvements and oversight needed to improve the State's child welfare system.

Special Committee on Kansas Emergency Management Act

Proposed Committee Makeup: 13 member Special Committee; House Chairperson, Senate Vice-chairperson

Proposed Meeting Days: 6

Proposed Scope: Review the Kansas Emergency Management Act, the State's new COVID-19 Response Package (2020 Special Session HB 2016), and the oversight and emergency management approaches utilized in other states; and make recommendations to the Legislature on any improvements or changes that should be considered.

Kansas Mental Health Modernization and Reform Committee

Proposed Committee Makeup: 13 member Special committee; House Chairperson, Senate Vice-chairperson

Proposed Meeting Days: 6

Proposed Scope: Analyze the state's behavioral health system to ensure that both inpatient and outpatient services are accessible in communities, review the capacity of current behavioral health workforce, study the availability and capacity of crisis centers and substance abuse facilities, assess the impact of recent changes to state policies on the treatment of individuals with behavioral health needs; and make recommendations on steps needed to make Kansas a nationwide leader on behavioral health delivery, specifically focusing on how Kansas should modernize its behavioral health delivery system. The Committee shall solicit input from the following:

- Judicial Branch Court Services Officer recommended by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas;
- A representative recommended by the Commissioner of Education;
- Kansas Department for Health and Environment cabinet official recommended by the Governor;
- One Sheriff and one Chief of Police recommended by the Attorney General;
- Children's Alliance of Kansas representative;
- Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals drug and alcohol addiction treatment provider;
- Association of Community and Mental Health Centers of Kansas representative with clinical or medical expertise;
- Kansas Hospital Association representative with clinical or medical expertise;
- A person with lived experience with mental illness or who has provided assistance to an individual living with a mental illness recommended by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- The parent of a child with a mental illness recommended by the President of the Senate;
- A former or current superintendent of a Kansas state mental health hospital;
- Current Executive Director of a community mental health center recommended by the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas;

- Health insurance company representative recommended by the Commissioner of Insurance;
- Kansas County and District Attorneys Association representative;
- Kansas Health Information Network representative;
- Medicaid Director for the State of Kansas; and
- Chairperson of the Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council.

In addition, the following committees requested Policy 20 letters for meeting days before knowing the LCC was scheduled to meet today.

The Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight is requesting two consecutive days (June 22 and 23) to meet its statutory responsibilities to meet for the second quarter of calendar year 2020.

The Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight is requesting one day for a Zoom-only meeting to allow the Committee to organize and select study topics for the 2020 Interim.

The Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight is also requesting one day to review appointments requiring Senate confirmation.

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