

2022 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

CRITICAL FUNDING FOR MENTAL/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CORRECTIONS CHARTER COMMISSION

The following are legislative issues that will enable Sedgwick County to continue to maintain the **high level of service and programs to the citizens of our County.**

PRIORITY ISSUES

1 Critical funding for mental/behavioral health issues affecting Sedgwick County:

Support for a regionalized state mental health facilities, including Sedgwick County.

Sedgwick County requests a regional state facility with a bed capacity of 50.

988 Suicide Prevention Lifeline Funding.

Strengthen and enhance the Medicaid safety net model in Kansas.

- Maintain support of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model in Kansas.
- Addressing the Needs of the Uninsured and Underinsured – Restoring the Promise of Mental Health Reform. Support a \$3.0 million increase in funding for FY 2023 for CMHCs.
- Support Community Crisis Center Funding of \$9.5 million in statewide additional funds with Sedgwick County COMCARE requesting \$1.5 million based on service volume and length of operation.
- Enhancement of Medicaid Rates for Behavior Health. A 4 percent rate would result in approximately \$12 million in additional funding to providers.

Support workforce initiatives to increase Medical and Clinical Resources.

Address workforce shortages with the State's \$1.6 billion in APRA funding which could include loan reimbursement, loan forgiveness, and tuition assistance.

2 Corrections:

Increase funding to Community Corrections by \$14.3 million to get salaries and programming to the level required for intensive supervision as mandated by Kansas Statute 75-5291.

3 Charter Commission:

Pass SB53.



SUPPORTING ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

1. Health Department:

Support a statewide \$1.6 million increase in funding for Aid to Local funding, and a permanent increase in the minimum payment allocation to local health departments.

2. Developmental Disability Organization :

Develop a comprehensive five-year plan for the elimination of the HCBS IDD Waiver Waiting List.

- Include \$5.0 million in the next budget cycle to specifically address IDD Waiver waiting list offers.
- Stabilize the Current IDD Service System & Reinforce Support for Local Expertise through Funding Increases. Add \$2.5 million (all funds) to KDADS budget for CDDO Administration. Increase HCBS IDD waiver rates by 7% (\$36.5 million all funds). Restore \$5 million in State General Fund and \$560,000 in State Aid to the KDADS budget.

3. Division of Finance and ITS:

Ability to create funds for the Division of Finance and Information Technology Services at the discretion of the County Commission without explicit approval by state statute.

4. Specialty Courts:

Sedgwick County supports the 18th Judicial District Court in its request for approximately \$442,863.60 for two additional district court judges and one magistrate judge to facilitate the operations of the Veteran and Mental Health courts and additional responsibilities. With additional funding of \$1,054,828 for community Corrections and COMCARE to support Court participants.

5. Suspended Driver's License Law: A Criminal Justice Reform review of the minimum sentencing guidelines and the Forever Lookback Law.

6. SB 367: Make enhancements to SB367.

7. Broadband Access and Storm-water Mitigation: Support legislation that funds broadband access and storm water mitigation through state funding or Federal Infrastructure Bill.

8. Exploration Place: Ability to establish a sales tax exemption on memberships for Exploration Place.

