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2022 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The following are proposed legislative issues that will enable Sedgwick County 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 Statue 75-5291.

3 **Charter Commission**

Pass SB53.

Sedgwick County supports the Joint Legislative Platform with the City of Wichita and the Wichita Chamber of Commerce.

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