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Representative Ron Ryckman, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
Room 370-W, Statehouse
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Dear Chairperson Ryckman,

The Special Committee on Mental Health Modernization and Reform (Special Committee) respectfully requests permission from the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) for authorization to create three Working Groups to assist the Special Committee during the 2020 Legislative Interim. The Special Committee also requests the authorization for staff of the Kansas Legislative Research Department, the Office of Revisor of Statutes, and Legislative Information Services to provide assistance to these Working Groups when requested.

Participation in the Working Groups would be voluntary and would include content experts in different fields affected by mental health topics, as well as members of the Special Committee. This request is not a request for additional committee days and no individuals would receive compensation for their participation in the Working Groups. It is possible that additional Legislative days may be needed for the Special Committee, but if a determination is made that these days are needed, a new request will be made to the LCC for approval of those days. The Kansas Health Institute has agreed to facilitate and moderate the Working Groups and assist those groups in reporting information back to the Special Committee. The three Working Groups would be divided into the following content areas: (1) Finance and Sustainability; (2) Policy and Treatment; and (3) System Capacity and Transformation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brenda Landwehr" with the initials "BY JG" written below it.

Representative Brenda Landwehr, Chairperson
Special Committee on Kansas Mental Health
Modernization and Reform

cc: Senator Susan Wagle, Vice-chairperson
Chase Blasi, Chief of Staff, Office of Senate President
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