March 9, 2021

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Legislative Coordinating Council
Room 332-E, Statehouse
BUILDING MAIL

Dear Chairperson Masterson:

The Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight respectfully requests permission from the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) to meet April 22, 2021. Should the LCC not meet before April 1, 2021, your approval is requested, pursuant to LCC Policy 20, to allow a meeting on April 22, 2021.

Pursuant to KSA 2020 Supp. 39-7,160, the Committee is to meet at least once in January and once in April when the Legislature is in regular session and at least once for two consecutive days during each of the third and fourth calendar quarters, on the call of its chairperson. The Committee is unable to meet in April while the Legislature is in session due to this year’s legislative schedule and requests approval to meet on April 22 to accomplish the Committee’s statutory duties.

KSA 2020 Supp. 39-7,160 directs the Committee to oversee long-term care services, including home and community based services (HCBS), which are to be provided through a comprehensive and coordinated system throughout the state. In its oversight role, the Committee is to oversee the savings resulting from the transfer of individuals from state or private institutions to HCBS and to ensure that any proceeds resulting from the successful transfer to be applied to the system for the provisions of services for long-term care and HCBS, and to review and study other components of the state’s long-term care system. Further, the Committee is to oversee the Children’s Health Insurance Program, the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, and the state Medicaid programs, and to monitor and study the implementation and operations of these programs, including, but not limited to, access to and quality of services provided and any financial information and budgetary issues.

The meeting day requested would enable the Committee to effectively discharge its statutory responsibilities for the second quarter of calendar year 2021.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.
Sincerely,

Senator Richard Hilderbrand, Chairperson
Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on
Home and Community Based Services and
KanCare Oversight

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