



**Bethell KanCare Legislative Oversight Committee
2019 Recommendations to the 2020 legislature which affect older adults**

These recommendations were made by the Committee at its final meeting of 2019. A final version of the recommendations will be submitted to the 2020 Legislature in January for possible action by legislative committees.

1. Rep. Murnan - Recommend Legislature fund outreach workers to help with application process at all DCF offices to speak with someone personally or by phone to assist with completing applications and answering questions regarding eligibility and the eligibility process.

Motion failed.

-- **ALTERNATE MOTION:** KanCare worker be located in each office to help with application process. *Motion passed.*

2. Rep. Ballard - KDADS come back and explain how the State of KS does the Olmstead Plan. *Motion passed*

3. Rep. Ballard - State continue to monitor KanCare managed care organizations/MCOs and verify claims are paid in a timely manner. *Motion passed.*

4. Rep. Ballard - Continue to work on addressing the reduction of use of anti-psychotic drugs on older adults in LTC settings. *Motion passed.*

5. Rep. Ballard - Provide more surveyors to cite potential abuse and neglect in LTC settings. *Motion passed.*

6. Rep. Ballard - Develop multi-year plan to eliminate Intellectual/Developmental Disability waiting list. *Motion passed.*

7. Make Medicaid Protected Income Level permanent and change to 150% of the SSI index. *Motion passed.*

8. Research ways to address temporary nursing staff agencies and the impact on nursing facilities. *Motion passed.*

9. Ask Legislature to consider an increase on Technical Assistance/TA waiver to get closer to the national average. *Motion passed.*

10. State agencies and MCOs look at streamlining the provider credentialing process (may create more access to providers). *Motion passed.*