

High Priority Items List

*Report of the Special Committee on
Kansas Mental Health Modernization and Reform
to the 2021 Kansas Legislature*

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Appendix C. High-Priority Topic Lists

The Working Groups have made recommendations related to the following topics for immediate action (Figure C-1). **Recommendations for immediate action are those that should be completed in the next two years.** The full text for each recommendation and Working Group rationale is available in the body of the report (beginning [page 7](#)).

Figure C-1. Recommendation Topics for Immediate Action

Workforce	Funding and Accessibility	Community Engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 1.1 Clinical Supervision Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 1.2 Access to Psychiatry Services <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 1.3 Provider MAT Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 2.1 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Model <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 2.2 Addressing Inpatient Capacity <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 2.3 Reimbursement Rate Increase and Review <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 2.4 Suicide Prevention <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 2.5 Problem Gambling and Other Addictions Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 3.1 Crisis Intervention Centers <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 3.2 IPS Community Engagement
Prevention and Education	Treatment and Recovery	Special Populations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 4.1 988 Suicide Prevention Line Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 4.2 Early Intervention <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 4.3 Centralized Authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 5.1 Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 6.1 Domestic Violence Survivors <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 6.2 Parent Peer Support
Data Systems	Legal System and Law Enforcement	System Transformation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 7.1 State Hospital EHR <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 7.2 Data and Informed Survey Opt-Out <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 7.3 Information Sharing <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 7.4 Needs Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 8.1 Correctional Employees <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 8.2 Criminal Justice Reform Commission Recommendations <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 8.3 Law Enforcement Referrals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 9.1 Regional Model <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 9.2 Long-Term Care Access and Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 9.3 Integration
Telehealth		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 10.1 Quality Assurance <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 10.2 Reimbursement Codes <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 10.3 Telehealth for Crisis Services 		

The Working Groups have made recommendations related to the following topics (*Figure C-2*) and indicated that they should be considered of strategic importance. **Recommendations of strategic importance are those for which work should start immediately but will be completed in the long-term.** The full text for each recommendation and Working Group rationale is available in the body of the report (beginning [page 7](#)).

Figure C-2. Recommendation Topics of Strategic Importance

Workforce	Funding and Accessibility	Community Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 1.4 Workforce Investment Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 1.5 Family Engagement Plan	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 3.3 Foster Homes <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 3.4 Community-Based Liaison
Prevention and Education	Treatment and Recovery	Special Populations
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 4.4 Behavioral Health Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 5.2 Service Array <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 5.3 Frontline Capacity <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 5.4 Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 6.3 Crossover Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 6.4 I/DD Waiver Expansion <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 6.5 Family Treatment Centers
Data Systems	Legal System and Law Enforcement	System Transformation
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 7.5 Cross-Agency Data	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 8.4 Defining Crossover Youth Population	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 9.4 Evidence Based Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 9.5 Family Psychotherapy
Telehealth		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 10.4 Originating and Distant Site <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation 10.5 Child Welfare System and Telehealth		

Figure C-3. High Priority Discussion Item

Medicaid Expansion. In addition to these recommendations for immediate action and of strategic importance, the Finance and Sustainability Working Group also puts forward the issue of Medicaid expansion as a high-priority discussion item for the Special Committee. The recommendation discussed by the Working Group related to Medicaid Expansion reads, “Recommend a full expansion of Medicaid in order to increase access to healthcare for uninsured, low-income Kansans.”

More information on this recommendation is available in the Funding and Accessibility section beginning on [page 16](#).