

Date: March 25, 2022

To: Hina Shah

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RE: Proposed Recommendations regarding Adult Day Services in Rural Kansas

1. Revitalize KDADS State Advisory Council on Aging that is a required entity under the Federal Older Americans Act with the goal of creating a robust group comprised of practitioners, planners and advocates oriented to addressing issues focused on community-based services to meet the needs of older Kansans and caregivers in all parts of the state.
2. Urge the KDADS State Advisory Council to review, research and endorse initiatives related to Adult Day Services that meet the social needs of Kansans and caregivers with particular emphasis on needs in rural Kansas.
3. Ensure adequate resources at state level to maintain and enhance robust community-based service networks established by Area Agencies on Aging.
4. Create/Identify special and specific state funding for:
 - identification and addressing barriers and to enhance qualifications and availability of staff at senior centers who take on additional responsibilities for Adult Day Services models.
 - Area Agencies on Aging to pilot Adult Day Service models in rural Kansas communities in Senior Centers/Community Center locations to meet the social needs of vulnerable older Kansans and their caregivers.
 - Area Agencies on Aging for research, planning , coordination with potential partner groups, implementation of adult day service models
 - evaluation of these Adult Day Service models so that best practices for replication in other areas to meet needs can be accomplished.