



September 28th, 2020

TO: Representative Landwehr and Members of the Bob Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight

FR: Nick Wood, Associate Director, InterHab

RE: Support Systems for Kansans with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Autism.

Chair Landwehr, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to share information on behalf of the member organizations of InterHab. Our members serve Kansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities in every part of the state.

In my role at InterHab, I work with our Complex Needs Task Force to examine issues within the IDD system and develop a knowledge base of national best practices and policy recommendations to help improve services to Kansas with IDD who present with significant medical, behavioral or age-related conditions. Today, we would like to present updates and revisit the important work that has been done since last spring when the pandemic interrupted normal operations.

### **Statewide Crisis Support Program**

The system improvement we want to work on should result in the ability to implement Cross System Crisis Prevention & Intervention Plans for individuals served, which would provide the tools needed to support an individual through crisis. Specially trained community-based staff should be available to provide individual or disability specific trainings to teams. Assessment and crisis intervention services should be implemented in the context of a comprehensive, systems linkage approach, to improve capacity in the entire system. Mobile Crisis Support programs are being implemented around the country and are proving to be very effective, efficient, and popular.

### **Community-Based Care Management**

Community-based care management is an alternative to traditional Targeted Case Management under Medicaid that would help our system meet the complex care needs of Kansans with IDD. Models like this integrate all services for physical, behavioral, and age-related conditions with Long Term Supports and Services.

### **Intensive Community Support for Kansans with IDD/Autism caught in the Criminal Justice System**

Intensive supports combined with court supervision that feature an individualized program of positive reinforcement, and high quality crisis stabilization provided through home and community based services are a good alternative to a correctional facility or civil commitment for people with IDD and are also viewed as a less costly alternative when all the expenses related to prosecuting a person with IDD are considered (court proceedings, competency education, & hospitalization).