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Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Committee on HCBS and KanCare
Oversight- Recommendation for the Report to the 2015 Kansas
Legislature

The Oversight Committee recommends that a hearing be scheduled during the 2015 Legislative Session before the Senate and House Social Services Budget Committees to consider the March 2014 Legislative Post Audit Report entitled: CDDO's, Reviewing Issues Related to Community Services Provided for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, with specific attention to the following- a. reducing the number of CDDO's and redirecting the savings to the DD waiting list. b. Of the remaining CDDO's eliminate the ability to provide services and thus prevent any conflict of interest.

c. Redirect some or all of the \$5 million in CDDO state aid to provide Medicaid-eligible services and draw down additional federal funds.

Explanation- LPA estimates that consolidating CDDO's could reduce administrative costs by \$500,000 to \$800,000 per year. Currently 11 ADRC's administer services to 13,000 individuals on the FE, PD and TBI waiver at a cost of \$4 million while 27 CDDO's administer services to 8,700 individuals on the DD waiver at a cost of \$9 million. The assessment function appears to be similar for all waiver categories according to officials at KDADS.

Fewer CDDO's could also improve the quality of the peer review process by KDADS and significantly reduce time and effort in the annual contract negotiations process between KDADS and the CDDO's.