



taking on disability together

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Madam Chairperson Schmidt and members of the Public Health and Welfare Committee, thank you for the opportunity today to testify in opposition to SB332. My name is Kathy Stiffler Ph.D., Senior VP Adult Services at Easterseals Capper Foundation. We serve children with multiple disabilities and adults with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) in services which include Targeted Case Management, Residential and Day Services. Easterseals Capper Foundation (ESCF) is preparing to celebrate our 97th year of providing services. We began providing I/DD Waiver Services in 1995. Currently ESCF is in 3 Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDO) regions; Shawnee, Cowley and Butler, supporting over 200 adults. We have specialized in serving many the most difficult individuals in the State. We have several concerns about SB332:

- As a major stakeholder, we were not consulted in the development of this bill. The lack of stakeholders outside of Interhab involved in development of this bill is of great concern.
- The system no longer exists within the State to operate the waiver program as it was pre-Managed Care. I feel strongly that Community Developmental Disability Organizations (CDDOs) could not and should not take on the system as proposed in this bill. Most CDDOs do not function independently, creating a conflict of interest. Most CDDOs are also Community Service Providers (CSP). One CSP should not oversee the funding, operations and referrals of another CSP.
- Community Service Providers (CSPs) operating in multiple CDDO areas such as ourselves should not have to function within the varying rules, procedures and requirements of various CDDOs. All administrative duties should be managed in a manner that benefits all persons served regardless of the CSP without regard to the financial impact on the CDDO.

ESCF supports the concept of carving I/DD services out of KanCare.

Across the country, different models are in place to support this population. It is essential that Kansas develop a system that works best for its citizens with I/DD. It is going to take time to research and develop that system. The delay on KanCare 2.0 should provide all stakeholders the opportunity to develop a successful alternative system.

Thank you for your consideration.

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