



Wichita
Comprehensive Treatment Center
Opioid Use Disorder Program

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
From: Travis Lowe
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Date: March 21, 2023
Re: Support of SB 307

Chairman Billinger and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support of Senate Bill 307, which allows for-profit entities the ability to participate in the Kansas Fights Addictions Act.

I am Travis Lowe, appearing on behalf of the Acadia Healthcare Company. Acadia Healthcare provides behavioral health services across the country. In Kansas, Acadia operates several health facilities, including the Wichita Comprehensive Treatment Center. Our Wichita center is a premier provider of medically supervised medication-assisted treatment for adults 18 and older. To promote successful recovery from addiction to heroin, prescription painkillers, and other opioids, this center provides effective medications, such as methadone, as well as counseling services. At any given time, our Wichita center serves over 400 patients.

SB 307 makes a small update to the Kansas Fights Addictions Act by allowing for-profit entities the ability to participate in the opioid settlement fund process. The 2021 law created the Kansas Fights Addictions Act and the Kansas Fights Addiction Grant Review Board. The Grant Review Board is charged to review settlement funds recovered by the attorney general from opioid litigation. The Kansas Fights Addictions Act currently says applicants eligible for grants are not-for-profit entities, state entity or municipalities.

Acadia and the Wichita Comprehensive Treatment Center believe it can expand treatment and access to care for Kansans. As an example, the Center recently began treatment for Kansans in rural areas with our mobile treatment program, recently approved by KDADS. Participation in the Kansas Fights Addictions Act would allow the Center to propose more projects of this nature to the Grant Review Board.

To be clear, SB 307 does not appropriate funds to the Wichita Comprehensive Treatment Center. SB 307 does not mandate Grant Review Board award projects to the Center. This bill simply allows the Wichita Comprehensive Treatment Center to be eligible for review and consideration.

Thank you and we appreciate the committee's consideration and support of SB 307.