

To: Chairman Representative Will Carpenter & the Special Committee on Targeted Case Management.

From: Dr. Anita Raghavan, parent, guardian, advocate

I, Dr. Anita Raghavan found no conflict of interest when our TCM was provided by the same nonprofit that provided evening, weekend and summer services. All available services were explained to my son Tavricks Lawless. The nonprofit I refer to was the ARC of Sedgwick County, now called Ability Point.

I would like to add in why TCM is so important to my son and I and the importance of being able to keep the case manager of your choice. Our current case manager has known my son and my family for over 15 years and has a keen understanding of our family dynamics and family culture. I would hate to see this person have to change for any reason. Long-time and good case managers often become like a family member and a huge support person and in some cases are the next human a person with IDD will turn to in case of an emergency.

Thank you for your support of Kansans with IDD

Anita Raghavan