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Mr. Stuart Boley, Mayor
Lawrence City Commission
City Hall
6 E. 6th Street
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Mayor Boley,


On behalf of the County Commission, I want to thank you for attending the September 19, 2018 Joint County/City/USD meeting. We were pleased with the representation from each of the governing bodies. Events like these are important for our future collaboration. To follow up from the discussions at that meeting, the County respectfully requests the City of Lawrence participate in the following efforts:

- 1) Appoint a member to a group forming to study youth behavioral health issues. This group will be a community wide effort including school districts, non-profits and other youth organizations. The issues impacting our youth are seen by law enforcement and first responders, as well as recreation programming providers. Our hope is that the group discusses the needs of youth in our community and recommends collaborative solutions. Participation from an elected official and a staff person would be ideal.
- 2) Appoint a staff member to study operational issues at the Lawrence Community Shelter. This member will join representatives from Douglas County, United Way, and other community partner agencies to review financial sustainability issues. Our hope is that this effort should take less than a year.
- 3) Designate a staff person to work with County staff to develop a work plan for our shared service arrangements. It would be my hope that staff will work together to develop a work plan to be brought back to each governing body.

In addition to these appointments, Commissioner Mike Gaughan has volunteered to work with you to review select joint appointment boards and commission to ensure they are up to date and accurate. Please contact him when you are ready to begin that work.

Thank you again for attending the joint meeting. We look forward to working collaboratively with the City of Lawrence on these issues.

Sincerely,


Nancy Thellman, Chair
Douglas County Board of County Commissioners