Nine Topic Areas Vetted by the KanCare Advocates Network

1. Independent Ombudsman for HCBS: Creation of an Independent Ombudsman for HCBS (Home and Community Based Waiver Services) KanCare member, through either law, appropriations or administrative action
2. Community Service Coordination under KanCare: Recommend targeted case management for all the waivers – currently, it is only for Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD) and Serious Emotional Disability (SED). Create and fund an effective service coordination system for HCBS members at the community level with community providers (not Managed Care Organizations).
3. Improving Social Determinants of Health through Outcomes and Oversight (Performance Measures for Medicaid Managed Care and Long Term Services and Supports, LTSS): Improving the outcomes tracking, accountability mechanisms and performance measures for Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS), HCBS and Medicaid Managed Care
4. Medicaid Expansion: Pass a law to effectively expand Medicaid
5. Direct Care Workers in KanCare: KAN sub-group is working on policy development. In general, direct care workers should be better supported and compensated with enhanced pay and opportunities.
6. Delay KanCare 2.0 (strategies for delay and carve-out HCBS from Medicaid Managed Care.
7. Improving Employment Outcomes for People with Disabilities: Policy, procedure and program changes to improve the employment outcomes of Kansans with disabilities, particularly in competitive, integrated employment.
8. Advancing Member Independence and Oversight, more consumer choice and self-direction. Reverse the trend of taking away self-direction and consumer control in Medicaid and HCBS Waivers, and crate new enhancements to improve member independence, consumer choice and self-direction.
9. HCBS Waiting Lists: Seek dramatic reduction and a plan for the eventual elimination of all HCBS Waiting Lists.