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Governor's Social Services Policy Council to Meet, New Mentoring Program to be Announced Council will discuss crime, family structure and welfare

TOPEKA—On Wednesday, Governor Sam Brownback will host the second meeting of the Governor's Social Services Policy Council (SSPC), established by Executive Order 15-01, on Feb. 17. The council was designed to advise the Governor on issues concerning social services policies and conditions in Kansas. Members will provide recommendations to reduce the poverty rate and improve social services in the state to better address the needs of Kansans. Four cabinet-level agencies are also involved.

Prior to the SSPC meeting, the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) will announce a new mentoring program to help Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) clients and youth preparing to age out of foster care to become more self-reliant.

WHO: **Mentoring:** Governor Brownback, First Lady Mary Brownback, DCF Secretary Phyllis Gilmore and mentoring program manager Jim Echols
SSPC: Governor Sam Brownback (SSPC Chairman), Ex-Officio Members: (DCF) Secretary Phyllis Gilmore, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Interim Secretary Tim Keck, Kansas Department of Corrections Interim Secretary Johnnie Goddard and Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Susan Mosier. Social Services Policy Council members include Chuck Allen, Ward Cassidy, David Crum, Bev Eversmeyer, Barry Feaker, Joe Gardner, Lorie Johnson, Gina Meier-Hummel, Marcos Navarro, Denise Rhoades, Pat Terick and Treatha Brown-Foster.

WHAT: Mentoring news conference, SSPC meeting

WHEN: News conference regarding mentoring program will be held at 1 p.m., SSPC meeting will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 6

WHERE: DCF Administration Building, 1st floor conference room, 555 S. Kansas Ave., Topeka
Presentation materials and future agendas will be posted on www.dcf.ks.gov/Newsroom/Pages/SSPC.aspx.

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