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Disability Rights Center of Kansas and Federal Partners Solicit Written Comments on Federal Mental Health Advocacy Program

Topeka, Kansas (April 28, 2017) – The Disability Rights Center of Kansas (DRC), along with its federal partners, are inviting the public to submit written comments about the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Program.

June 6 through 8, 2017, representatives from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services, Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Program will visit the Disability Rights Center of Kansas in Topeka.

These organizations invite you to send written comments about the PAIMI Program services and activities provided by the Disability Rights Center of Kansas. Comments should be emailed to PAIMI@samhsa.hhs.gov.

The PAIMI Program was created by Congress in 1986 to protect and advocate for the rights of people with mental illness. Through the program, DRC staff investigate reports of abuse and neglect in facilities that care for or treat individuals with mental illness. DRC staff also can pursue administrative, legal, systemic and legislative activities, or other appropriate remedies to redress complaints of abuse, neglect, and civil rights violations.

The Disability Rights Center of Kansas is a public interest legal advocacy organization that is part of a national network of federally mandated organizations empowered to advocate for Kansans with disabilities. DRC is the officially designated protection and advocacy system in Kansas. DRC is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, organizationally independent of state government and whose sole interest is the protection of the legal rights of Kansans with disabilities.

Public Forum Notice

We Want to Hear from You!

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