Name: James Robbins (Libertarian, Candidate for Senator, 32nd District)

1. **If elected/reelected, what are the top five issues you will prioritize in the coming legislative session?**

1. Tax reduction
2. Restrict eminent domain powers
3. Gun rights
4. Reduce the size of government

2. **Rate your level of support for funding quality community services for people with developmental disabilities** – *I would give it much support.*
Comment: Providing for those who cannot participate fully in society is a legitimate action for government.

3. **What action would you take to expand services to the 2,500+ Kansans who are waiting for some or all of the developmental disability services they need?**
My general philosophy is to reduce or eliminate many government programs and allow businesses to fill the community's needs. Disability funding is not on that list. The available funds for disability programs could be increased through that reduction or elimination of other programs.

4. If you were provided with reliable information that indicated reimbursement rates for these services have not increased for a dozen years and no longer cover the cost of providing quality services, would you support making additional funding available to increase service rates? – *Will not increase taxes*

Name: Kalor Hebron (Libertarian, Candidate for Representative, 82nd District)

1. **If elected/reelected, what are the top five issues you will prioritize in the coming legislative session?**
   1. Less taxes
   2. Less government
   3. Less socialized programs
   4. Promote more independence
   5. Promote more personal responsibility

2. **Rate your level of support for funding quality community services for people with developmental disabilities** – *I would give it no support.*
Comment: No support if it is forced funded.

3. **What action would you take to expand services to the 2,500+ Kansans who are waiting for some or all of the developmental disability services they need?**
No action at the forced expense of someone else!

4. **If you were provided with reliable information that indicated reimbursement rates for these services have not increased for a dozen years and no longer cover the cost of providing quality services, would you support making additional funding available to increase service rates?** – *Will not increase taxes*

Name: Chuck Mosqueda (Democrat, Candidate for Representative, 82nd District)

1. **If elected/reelected, what are the top five issues you will prioritize in the coming legislative session?**

1. Education – K-12, technical, universities
2. Health care (all), including disabilities
3. Transportation safety

2. **Rate your level of support for funding quality community services for people with developmental disabilities** – *I would give it much support.*
Comment: My wife is a paraprofessional for the severely handicapped at Derby High School. My father experienced shell shock from the Korean War, and I was raised in an orphanage as a result – he died in a VA hospital.

3. **What action would you take to expand services to the 2,500+ Kansans who are waiting for some or all of the developmental disability services they need?**
Create new funding sources to increase funds to keep up with inflation. Plus more funding for the training of qualified caregivers; normally, training is given through technical schools.

4. If you were provided with reliable information that indicated reimbursement rates for these services have not increased for a dozen years and no longer cover the cost of providing quality services, would you support making additional funding available to increase service rates? – *Will look at all avenues for funding!*

Name: Daniel Thimesch (Democrat, Candidate for Senator, 26th District)

1. **If elected/reelected, what are the top five issues you will prioritize in the coming legislative session?**

1. Health care, compensation for veterans
2. Water quality, quantity
3. Change annexation laws
4. Education reform
5. Handicapped and developmental disabilities

2. **Rate your level of support for funding quality community services for people with developmental disabilities** – *I would give it much support.*
Comment: Work with governor to find more money in current budget for CDDOs

3. **What action would you take to expand services to the 2,500+ Kansans who are waiting for some or all of the developmental disability services they need?**
People come first – we must move these services up higher on the priority list.

4. **If you were provided with reliable information that indicated reimbursement rates for these services have not increased for a dozen years and no longer cover the cost of providing quality services, would you support making additional funding available to increase service rates?** – *Yes, would support modest increase for public education*

Name: Barbara Firestone (Democrat, Candidate for Senator, 27th District)

1. **If elected/reelected, what are the top five issues you will prioritize in the coming legislative session?**

1. Education
2. Health care
3. Economic growth and development
4. Keeping communities safe
5. Senior concerns
6. Balancing budget
7. Protecting environment

2. **Rate your level of support for funding quality community services for people with developmental disabilities** – *I don't know.*
Comment: I am learning about a lot of issues from organizations. I will not commit now until I learn more about health initiatives and programs.

3. **What action would you take to expand services to the 2,500+ Kansans who are waiting for some or all of the developmental disability services they need?**
See above.

4. **If you were provided with reliable information that indicated reimbursement rates for these services have not increased for a dozen years and no longer cover the cost of providing quality services, would you support making additional funding available to increase service rates?** – *This is unfair, but this occurs in many agencies receiving state reimbursement.*

Name: Geraldine Flaharty (Democrat, Candidate for Representative, 98th District)

1. **If elected/reelected, what are the top five issues you will prioritize in the coming legislative session?**

1. Public education
2. Jobs
3. Health care
4. Services for those with developmental disabilities and the elderly
5. Public safety

2. **Rate your level of support for funding quality community services for people with developmental disabilities** – *I would give it much support.*
Comment: I would continue voting for funding waiting lists and increase hourly pay for service providers who deliver individual services.

3. **What action would you take to expand services to the 2,500+ Kansans who are waiting for some or all of the developmental disability services they need?**
Waiting lists should never be more than 30 days.

4. **If you were provided with reliable information that indicated reimbursement rates for these services have not increased for a dozen years and no longer cover the cost of providing quality services, would you support making additional funding available to increase service rates?** – *Would consider a tax increase.*

Name: Steve Seals (Democrat, Candidate for Representative, 105th District)

1. **If elected/reelected, what are the top five issues you will prioritize in the coming legislative session?**

1. Education – weighting formula
2. Health care – community-based
3. Adult care homes
4. Environmental protection
5. Strengthening jobs and the economy
6. The right to organize equal rights

2. **Rate your level of support for funding quality community services for people with developmental disabilities** – *I would give it much support.*
Comment: People first, I'm committed to protecting all Kansans' access to quality.

3. **What action would you take to expand services to the 2,500+ Kansans who are waiting for some or all of the developmental disability services they need?**
Patient's bill of rights – doctors and patients make health care decisions, not insurance companies.

4. If you were provided with reliable information that indicated reimbursement rates for these services have not increased for a dozen years and no longer cover the cost of providing quality services, would you support making additional funding available to increase service rates? – *Yes, would consider a tax increase.*

Name: Shawn Smith (Libertarian, Candidate for Representative, 83rd District)

1. **If elected/reelected, what are the top five issues you will prioritize in the coming legislative session?**

1. Privatize school system
2. Repeal unconstitutional laws and regulations
3. Pass a conceal/carry law (firearms)
4. Cut taxes
5. Privatize all social services

2. **Rate your level of support for funding quality community services for people with developmental disabilities** – *I would give it no support.*
Comment: If elected I will work toward creating a prosperous economic climate for all citizens of Kansas by repealing unconstitutional laws, useless regulations and drastically cutting taxes. This will give each person more money and time to donate to private organizations that provide services to people with developmental disabilities.

3. **What action would you take to expand services to the 2,500+ Kansans who are waiting for some or all of the developmental disability services they need?**
Privatize state-run hospitals. Encourage privatized group homes and in-home care. With the state government running these services, a bureaucracy is created, raising costs and diminishing care. Charity must be private and voluntary.

4. If you were provided with reliable information that indicated reimbursement rates for these services have not increased for a dozen years and no longer cover the cost of providing quality services, would you support making additional funding available to increase service rates? – *Will not increase taxes.*

Name: Donald Betts Jr. (Democrat, Candidate for Senate, 29th District)

1. **If elected/reelected, what are the top five issues you will prioritize in the coming legislative session?**

1. Quality health care
2. Developmental disabilities
3. Education
4. Economic development
5. Corrections

2. **Rate your level of support for funding quality community services for people with developmental disabilities** – *I would give it much support.*
Comment: My past voting record indicates a perfect record on mental retardation and developmental disabilities issues.

3. **What action would you take to expand services to the 2,500+ Kansans who are waiting for some or all of the developmental disability services they need?**
I will continue to advocate as done in the past to share useful information with my colleagues.

4. If you were provided with reliable information that indicated reimbursement rates for these services have not increased for a dozen years and no longer cover the cost of providing quality services, would you support making additional funding available to increase service rates? – *Yes, would consider a tax increase.*

Name: Mickey O'Donnell (Republican, Candidate for Representative, 98th District)

1. **If elected/reelected, what are the top five issues you will prioritize in the coming legislative session?**

1. Business development
2. Examine best utilization of taxation and government funding.
3. School funding issue.
4. Work on the Defense of Marriage Act
5. Establish criteria for social programs (including the developmentally disabled) and their work with non-profits

2. **Rate your level of support for funding quality community services for people with developmental disabilities** – *I would give it much support.*
Comment: In my working with those who are disabled I have found that these citizens are the most worthy of programs. Your information concerning the benefit of community health care over state institutional health care shows the wisdom of supporting those organizations who assist in that needed area. A few years ago I suffered a mild stroke and I came in contact with those who are dedicated to those who are disabled.

3. **What action would you take to expand services to the 2,500+ Kansans who are waiting for some or all of the developmental disability services they need?**
I am a firm believer in "faith-based initiative", and I feel that we can assist non-profit organizations who have a "passion" for assisting those in need. That along with a compassionate approach to funding will enhance this needed program.

4. If you were provided with reliable information that indicated reimbursement rates for these services have not increased for a dozen years and no longer cover the cost of providing quality services, would you support making additional funding available to increase service rates? – While I am against increasing taxes and presently do not feel that we should consider increasing taxes. I do believe that as we see an increase in the tax base that one of the top priorities should be caring for those in real need in our community.

Finally, I do want to encourage you that I feel that we need to develop a more comprehensive plan for caring for the disabled. Certainly, we need financing, but many of those who work with the disabled (ComCare - KETCH - Starkey - Breakthrough club and others that I'm not acquainted with) can be very helpful as we develop legislative policy.