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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 75-430

Mr. Anthony D. Lopez  
Executive Director  
Kansas Commission on Civil Rights  
535 Kansas Avenue, 5th Floor  
Topeka, Kansas 66603

Re: Kansas Commission on Civil Rights--Powers and Duties

Synopsis: The Advisory Committee on Mexican American Affairs is empowered to assist all state agencies in matters affecting Mexican Americans, and its responsibilities are not restricted solely to the Commission on Civil Rights, whose rights, duties and responsibilities are in no way affected by the statutory grant of power to the Advisory Committee.

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Dear Mr. Lopez:

You inquire whether the Advisory Committee on Mexican American Affairs is "restricted to utilizing its powers only for the ultimate purpose of advising the Commission on Civil Rights."

K.S.A. 1974 Supp. 74-6504 sets forth the functions, powers and duties of the Advisory Committee. Under subsection (b) thereof, it is to

"[c]oordinate, assist and cooperate with the efforts of *state departments and agencies* to serve the needs of the Mexican American especially in the area of culture, education,

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employment, health, housing, welfare and  
recreation." [Emphasis supplied.]

Nothing in this section or in any other provision of the act, K.S.A. 1974 Supp. 74-6501 *et seq.*, restricts the Advisory Committee to the service of only the Commission on Civil Rights, or any other single state agency. Its duties are to assist and cooperate with all state agencies to serve the needs of the Mexican American.

Secondly, you ask whether the enactment of K.S.A. 74-6510 *et seq.* did "by implication create new and additional functions, powers and duties for the Commission on Civil Rights." Establishment of the Advisory Committee in no way alters or affects in any fashion the functions, powers and duties of the Commission on Civil Rights.

Yours very truly,



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