



Joint Committee on Appropriations
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March 29, 2019

Ms. Shawnie Rechtenbaugh, Interim Secretary
Department of Human Services
Hillsview Plaza
Pierre, SD 57501

Letter of Intent Regarding Zero Based Budgeting for the South Dakota Developmental Center

Dear Interim Secretary Rechtenbaugh:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations (JCA) in approving your appropriation in the 2019 Legislative session. As such, this Letter of Intent seeks to supplement that legislation with specific policy guidance as approved on March 29, 2019.

While the guidance outlined in this letter does not have the direct force of statutory law, it rests solidly on a long-standing tradition of Legislative-Executive relationships in South Dakota and it will be used by the Joint Committee as a basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency and its continued funding.

The JCA requests the Department of Human Services – South Dakota Developmental Center (SDDC) Budget Unit use the zero-based budget process, to be jointly developed by the Legislative Research Council and the Bureau of Finance and Management, for the Fiscal Year 2021 budget submission.

The JCA believes a zero-based budget request will lead to more thorough planning, better budgetary information, more efficient allocation of resources, and a greater understanding of the programs within this budget unit.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Senator John Wiik
Lead Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

Representative Chris Karr
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cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General
Liza Clark, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management