



Joint Committee on Appropriations
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Letter of Intent Regarding Legislation Approved in the 2016 Session

Dear Board of Regents Executive Director Rush, President Abbott, and Vice President for Health Affairs Dr. Nettleman:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations related to the USD Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment funding approved in the FY17 General Appropriations Act (SB172). As such, it supplements the appropriation with a specific policy guideline as approved on June 10, 2016. While the guideline 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 one basis for the fiscal oversight of the Board of Regents and its continued funding.

SB172 provides \$210,725 in general funds and 1.0 FTE for the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment for the 2016-2017 academic year. The Joint Appropriations Committee is interested in documenting that the Center will have a positive impact on reducing child sexual abuse in South Dakota; therefore, the Committee requests a report be delivered in January 2017 on Center activities through December 31, 2016, and an annual report in July 2017 on activities and successes through the end of FY2017.

During this period the Center will work in conjunction with the Jolene's Law Task Force, that has recently been reappointed by Governor Dennis Daugaard, to develop a statewide infrastructure to

eradicate the public health issue of child sexual abuse in South Dakota. Specific outcomes over the next six months will be to:

- Hire a Director for the USD Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment
- Develop ten year measurable goals for improvement in all recommendation areas
- Develop incremental benchmarks within the larger goals.
- Design action plans to attain benchmarks and ten year goals.
- Utilize evidence-based practice and research to inform action plans.
- Secure funding (preferably grant support) and implement developed plan strategies.
- Measure incremental outcomes to inform continued strategy or change of action steps.
- Design statewide infrastructure that sustains the effort moving forward.

The Committee will then assess the need for continued reporting.

Thank you,

/S/ Senator Deb Peters

/S/ Representative Justin Cronin

Senator Deb Peters
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

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