



Joint Committee on Appropriations
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May 27, 2020

Shawnie Rechtenbaugh, Secretary
Department of Human Services
3800 East HWY 34 – Hillsvie Plaza
Pierre, SD 57501

Letter of Intent Regarding Legislative Representation for the Continuum of Care Study

Dear 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 2020 Legislative session. As such, this Letter of Intent seeks to supplement that legislation with specific policy guidance as approved on May 27, 2020.

While the guidance 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 your agency and its continued funding.

JCA requests the Department of Human Services include one legislative representative selected by JCA for the Continuum of Care Study. The JCA believes that legislative representation for this study will allow better understanding of the long-range plan of the department as well as the future needs of people with Developmental Disabilities among the members of the appropriations committee.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Representative Chris Karr
Lead Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

Senator John Wiik
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cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General
Liza Clark, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management