



Joint Committee on Appropriations
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Ms. Shawnie Rechtenbaugh, Secretary
Department of Human Services
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Mr. Dan Cross, Executive Director
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Letter of Intent Regarding Direct Care Workforce Funding for CSP

Dear Secretary Rechtenbaugh and Director Cross,

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.

The 2020 Legislature approved Senate Bill 38, which allocated one-time funding of \$1,000,000 in general fund and \$1,346,867 in federal fund expenditure authority to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to be used to support Community Support Providers (CSP). JCA requests the funding be used as workforce funding of no less than \$500 and no more than \$1,700 per employee to those who provide direct support within a Community Support setting. JCA recognizes and appreciates the important work that direct support professionals do to serve the State's most vulnerable citizens.

Additionally, it is the intent of the JCA that DHS and the Community Support Providers of South Dakota report to the JCA during the 2021 Legislative Session detailing the following item regarding the workforce funding for CSP:

- Workforce funding program overview detailing the calculation method used and the process of funding distribution to CSPs
- List of CSPs with average allocation amount per employee and number of employees who received by each facility
- List of Criteria by CSP used to determine the eligibility for the funding
- Report on ongoing efforts and a plan by DHS and CSP Association to increase the employee retention

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