



August 25, 2017

The Honorable Dennis Daugaard, Governor  
State of South Dakota  
Office of the Governor  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, S.D. 57501

Dear Governor Daugaard:

I am pleased to inform you that the South Dakota State Plan on Aging under the Older Americans Act for October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2021 has been approved.

The State Plan outlines a number of significant activities that will serve as a guide for South Dakota's aging service network during the next four years. Of particular note is your comprehensive plan to maximize services and grow the state programs under the new Department of Human Services, Division of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) that serves as the State Unit on Aging. As a single Planning and Service Area (PSA) state, your continued commitment to a more integrated approach to the long term services and supports is very much appreciated. The focus on maximizing the health, well-being, and quality of life for South Dakotans who are aging and disabled and in need of services is consistent with our national priorities.

The Denver Regional Office staff of the U.S. Administration for Community Living looks forward to working with you and the Division of Long Term Services and Supports, South Dakota Department of Human Services in the implementation of the State Plan. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Percy Devine, Bi-Regional Administrator at 303-844-7815. I appreciate your dedication and commitment toward improving the lives of older persons in South Dakota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lance Robertson" with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Lance Robertson  
Administrator & Assistant Secretary for Aging

Cc: Gloria Pearson, Cabinet Secretary, South Dakota Department of Human Services  
Yvette Thomas, Director, Division of Long Term Services and Supports