

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Regental Action Required Under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute

Action Requested: Authorization for the University to enter into an agreement with Stand for Children, Inc. (University of Michigan Employee, Christina Weiland, Advisor).

Background:

The University of Michigan Gerald R Ford School of Public Policy seeks approval to enter into an agreement with Stand for Children, Inc. for the purpose of collaboration under a sponsored project.

The proposed agreement falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute as Christina Weiland is a University employee as Professor at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy and would be party to the agreement as Advisor at Stand for Children, Inc.

However, the Statute allows the University to enter into such agreements if the following conditions are met:

- a) The public servant promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the contract to the official body which has power to approve the purchase, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings.
- b) The purchase is approved by a vote of not less than 2/3 of the full membership of the approving body in open session without the vote of the public servant making the disclosure.
- c) The official body discloses the following summary information in its official minutes:
 - i) The name of each party involved in the contract.
 - ii) The terms of the agreement, including duration, financial consideration between the parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the agreement, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the agreement.
 - iii) The nature of any pecuniary interest.

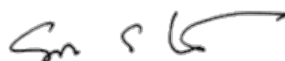
The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (c) above:

- i) The parties to the agreement are the Regents of the University of Michigan and its Gerald R Ford School of Public Policy and Stand for Children, Inc.
- ii) The agreement is for the purpose of collaboration under a sponsored project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation titled “Measuring Implementation Readiness in P-2.” The agreement is for a duration of five years at a total cost not to exceed \$35,280. Stand for Children, Inc. will be supplying all the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this agreement. The remaining base agreement terms and conditions will comply with appropriate University requirements and are typical for other similar agreements entered into by the Regents. Since projects are often amended, the agreement will include provisions for changes in time, amount and scope.
- iii) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee, Christina Weiland, is Advisor at Stand for Children, Inc.

Christina Weiland has met state law requirements with the disclosure of her pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable by the supervisor of Christina Weiland, under the Medical School’s or OVPR’s Conflict of Interest Committee’s procedures are separately analyzed and managed.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the agreement between the University of Michigan and Stand for Children, Inc. subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisor of Christina Weiland or the Medical School’s or OVPR’s Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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