

Second Status Update

To: Michigan State University, Collaborative Advisory Board

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Guidepost Solutions ("Guidepost") continues its Institutional Assessment at Michigan State University ("MSU"). This engagement assesses MSU's historical and current policies, practices, and systems for preventing and responding to relationship violence and sexual misconduct, as well as the effectiveness of related governance, compliance, and support structures.

Since Guidepost provided its First Status Update on June 2, 2026, the team has continued its work in the following areas, each discussed in more detail below:

- Planning and Scheduling for First Site Visit
- Meetings with the Collaborative Advisory Board
- Document Review
- Stakeholder/Survivor Engagement Planning and Outreach
- Internal Team Meetings and Continued Strategic Workstream Development

I. PLANNING AND SCHEDULING FOR FIRST SITE VISIT

Guidepost has scheduled its first site visit for the week of July 27. The visit is expected to include:

- In-person meetings and listening sessions with key Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct (RVSM)-related offices
- In-person listening sessions with stakeholders and survivors
- Tours of relevant offices and facilities

II. COLLABORATIVE ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

Guidepost has continued meeting with members of the Collaborative Advisory Board to facilitate document production, coordinate introductions to university offices, collaborate on survivor engagement, plan the upcoming site visit, and provide status updates.

III. DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND REVIEW

As reported in the First Status Update, Guidepost issued its first document request to MSU on April 14, 2026. The request sought materials across a range of subject areas related to Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct ("RVSM"), including policies, governance, compliance structures, and survivor support programs. The Collaborative Advisory Board, which oversees document collection, continues to submit documents to Guidepost's secure file server on a rolling basis, and the Guidepost team is actively reviewing documents as they are submitted. To date, Guidepost has received 2,615 documents related to most of the 14 requested document categories.

IV. STAKEHOLDER/SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT PLANNING AND OUTREACH

Using a phased approach to stakeholder engagement, the Guidepost team has focused on:

- Continued outreach to year-round faculty and staff to explain the assessment and set expectations for the process. To date, we have spoken with 38 personnel across 28 offices/departments. Guidepost has scheduled in-person meetings with several MSU offices and programs during the July site visit.
- Creating multiple pathways for survivors and stakeholders to participate in the assessment, including:
 - Guidepost webpage: Survivors, stakeholders, and members of the MSU community can access public information about the assessment at <https://guidepostsolutions.com/msu/>.
 - Guidepost MSU hotline: Interested persons may contact the Guidepost team directly by phone at 202-499-4323 or by email at MSU@guidepostsolution.com.
 - Survivor and Stakeholder Engagement Survey at [Michigan State University Survivor Engagement Survey](#)
 - Guided prompts on website
 - [Preventing Abuse & Promoting Safety](#)
 - [Culture and Trust in Leadership](#)
 - [Reporting and Response](#)
 - [Training Needs](#)
 - [Restorative Practices & Informal Resolution](#)
 - [Survivor Care & Support Services](#)
 - [Policy Suggestions & Institutional Reform](#)
- Speaking with all individuals who have contacted Guidepost through the Guidepost/MSU email.
- Meeting with the MSU President and scheduling an upcoming meeting with the MSU Board of Trustees.

V. INTERNAL TEAM MEETINGS AND WORKSTREAM DEVELOPMENT

Guidepost workstream teams continue to review relevant documents, meet with stakeholders, and prepare for the upcoming site visit. The team also meets weekly to discuss progress, coordinate next steps, and address cross-workstream priorities and issues.

VI. NEXT STEPS

Over the next phase of the engagement, Guidepost will:

- Launch, monitor, and analyze responses to the survivor/stakeholder engagement survey and webpage prompts
- Conduct the July 27–31, 2026 site visit to include interviews, office meetings, listening sessions, and tours of relevant facilities
- Continue receiving, tracking, and reviewing documents
- Continue operating the hotline email and phone number for individuals who would like to participate in the assessment
- Continue interview scheduling and survivor/stakeholder outreach for the fall semester
- Advance substantive analysis across key workstreams

Guidepost continues to make meaningful progress through document review, stakeholder meetings, and analysis of policies, processes, and practices. Guidepost will continue to keep the MSU community informed through the assessment webpage and regular updates to the Collaborative Advisory Board.