Good morning, Kelly -- I'll have list of honorees, hopefully by this Friday at latest. We just got word that Choctaws are making a contribution to I need to had them to the list, too. It's coming together very well; Tammy is doing a great job w/caterer. I talked w/Chris last week & am working on a letter to help w/application for funds. She seems to think we have a good chance.

Did you see the article in today's C-L on obesity? Makes me glad we decided to include a media award this year & that we chose C-L first. They really have done a great job.

Any word on appointments? I've gotten mixed messages from Kathy F.; last I heard gives me the impression that appts. are on hold now but Kathy was going to check to see for sure. Haven't heard anything back from her yet.

----Original Message----From: Kelly Riley [mailto:kriley@governor.state.ms.us] Sent: Friday, December 05, 2003 2:08 PM To: cward@msdh.state.ms.us Cc: jcole@belhaven.edu Subject: 12/16 sponsorship and certificates

Hi, y'all. Hope you are both doing well and surviving the rush of the holidays. Here is an update on my contact with BlueCross BlueShield

John Sewell, my former co-worker, emailed me on Nov. 17th that Chris Grussaute has mentioned the needs of the Commission to him. John was going to bring the matter up with his boss that afternoon. I was out of town that week. I emailed him last week when I got back, but didn't hear anything, so I've just emailed him again with a simple "Were you able to find out anything?" kind of inquiry. I'll let you know if I hear from him. I checked with Cora and the usage fee for the mansion is required under mansion administration, which is through Archives and History. The Governor can't waive it. So, I haven't had much luck as far as trying to help us financially. Cathy, I'll need to print the certificates for our honorees on 12/16. Can you get me a list of the honorees for each award next week so that I may go ahead and print them? Thanks to both of you for your hard work. I'll let you know if I hear anything from John.

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