
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOYD
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: NGA CENTER FOR BEST PRACTICES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS 9/13 CONFERENCE CALL
DATE 9/13/00
CC: FILE

Lee Anne Wilson, Boyd (Riley), Thomasion, Viohl, John Grew, Brian Debano, Cathy Wilson, NGA Division staff (Linn, Ruebel, Joan, Evelyn)

Needs Survey

Tried to make it 2-fold; identify priorities and needs for assistance; tried to cover broad areas and keep short and focus on how you are handling issues, rather than do you think important for us (NGA); followed lines of breakdown in Center, w/ some collaboration; staff will then contact for assistance

Timing dependent on Lee Ann; survey also going out on legislative issues – so do we marry or stagger? Chair and Vice-Chair in discussion on legislative priorities and goal is for Exec cmttee to act on November, so this will probably go out before that, so this will go out sometime this month as soon as cleaned up so will have more time; legislative will go out when Congress recesses

Brian – helpful to add column for dealt with in last 2 years, so good reference to partner up states w/ those who have dealt w/ issue; will replace “Not a priority” w/ “issue recently addressed”

Lee Anne – add “comments” rather than “other”

Viohl – new transportation regs go away from streamlining

Tax policy – e-commerce, remote sales will have impact; Thomasion said being worked on in legislative end; multi-states is collecting the numbers; add “impact of changes in tax policy” and will identify states that think it is an emerging issue?; “tax policy on state revenue collections”

Dane – take “elo” out of school readiness b/c covered under its own item

Add “educational choices” to cover vouchers, school choice, charter schools and add “school funding”

Me – school safety? Decided to leave under criminal justice

Graduation exams – add to standards, assessment, etc.

Workforce Page – will pull management out and make separate page for “good gov’t/management”

Health – might want to break long term financing and service delivery into 2 separate topics, no leave together;

Env’t and Natural Resources: break out energy policies as separate topic

Shoot to have it out by end of September, but will send revisions to you before that, and have responses back by middle of October (3 weeks)

Division Activities

Joel in Natural Resources: first task force meeting in Baltimore was successful w/ good representation of governors; moving forward w/ 2 policy forums, first will be in MN end of Nov/first of Dec and 2nd in AZ next April; emailed yesterday the first draft of first of 5 reports, this one on Brownfield initiative and older communities, has 2-week period of review, will be released 10/10 or 10/11 in association with Brownfield conf in Atlantic City; another report on integrating transportation and land use is in final revisions; new edition to Gov’s Guide for Emergency Mgt will be released in fall; workshop on trans and land-use workshop in DC in late October (23-24)

Tom Rubel: conduct visits w/ entrepreneurs while here; all 10 states are scheduled for site visits; first academy is scheduled; e-govt/SACS is 9/25 in Baltimore; grant from NEA to look at arts as econ devt; workshops to give states plan for crim justice implementation – one in Memphis 10/31 and 11/1 @ 1:00 thru lunch on second day

As to your request for comments and agenda, he said that he needs to talk to you for about 20 minutes by phone to start that process

Joan and Health: safety net paper should be here this week; CHIP directors – we don’t know when final rules and regulations will be out, but will organize meeting ASAP after issued (Packard will pay for travel) to identify needed changes, NGA will have \$ for one from each state, mtg will be in DC; on aging, Center will not only focus on health, but also cross center activities and will be hiring a person for that and is looking at funders to raise 1/2 million in funding/year to look at housing, trans, etc. issues, expect it to be 1 of top 3 issues next 10 years;

Dane and education: Kristen is going to be leading post secondary; NGA and NCSL and AASCU will be working on next 4 years; concept paper met w/ MD and will meet w/ KY, MI, PA (?) and ___ to identify needs and interests of states on post-sec ed; issue briefs – the reciprocity will be of great interest due to mobility of teachers and shortages; meetings – 11/16 and 11/17 last forum on ELO (15 states will attend) and 12/5 and 12/6 on backlashing states getting on assessments being implemented – strategy is to help states maintain progress made – will deal w/ assessment and accountability

Evelyn and employment: just did last visit to LA for case studies and hope to have done by end of October; still planning on Gov's meeting on workforce, invitations should go out w/in next 2 weeks, mtg to be held in conjunction 11/29 w/ policy forum; will receive new funding on welfare reauthorization in next few weeks – project will have team of state people for 2 years to discuss welfare reorg issues and looking at priorities for congressional action; will start convening gov's human services advisors w/ grant NGA will get in a few weeks; Cmsn on Tech and Adult Learning mtg is 10/31 and will send info to board prior to dissemination – mission was to tie into new economy task force, but didn't happen, but look at implications of tech on adult learners and the policy impact – cmsn is to make recommendations to NGA – report will be released in February

Review of papers? Has it been helpful and successful? Shouldn't be negative, but critically constructive; okay to send email saying “we're still working on this” if you are going to be submitting comments past the 2 weeks given for review – it helps a lot to let NGA know we are still working on the review;

Proposed Schedule

Hope you can be in DC for the expanded meetings in January and June
Changed March fro the 14th to the 21st

We need to email the State of the State to Thomasion. He said he's sure Public Affairs captured all of them, but email just to be safe.

Adjourned until October 18th