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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** BOYD, SIMMONS, TELL  
**SUBJECT:** GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT ON SENIORS  
**DATE:** 07/17/00  
**CC:** FILE

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Upon your approval, we will set up a 30-45 minute meeting with the following agencies to discuss these topic areas and agency efforts to address senior issues (Summit I):

- Governor's agencies (Medicaid, Human Services, Banking, Economic Development);
- State Officials (Insurance);
- Independent agencies/boards (Mental Health, Health, PERS-Retirement, Public Utilities Staff-PSC, Home Corporation, community colleges, Education, IHL, Personnel Board, Nursing Home Administrators Board, Veterans Affairs and Home Purchase Boards).

Upon close of this meeting, Governor's staff will work with each group to build a two-day summit inclusive of federal, state, and local agencies, legislative leadership, caregivers and advocates. The Summit could be held among the highest concentration of senior population—Mississippi Gulf Coast. Please find a proposed agenda attached for Summit I meeting.

We have drafted the following regarding the Governor's Summit on Seniors 2000. This summit will cover all major issues confronting Mississippi's aging population today and in the near future. Sessions during the summit will center on:

1. **Health care and coverage** (e.g., prescription medications; access to quality, affordable care; health choice; Medicare; Medicaid; home and community-based services; assisted-living centers; nursing homes; health, disability and long-term care insurance; mental health; physical fitness; and patient protections);
2. **Working seniors** (e.g., workforce training, employment opportunities, and mentoring programs);
3. **Transportation** (e.g., rural transportation, financial assistance);
4. **Housing and utilities** (e.g., affordable housing, LIHEAP);
5. **Financial preparedness** (e.g., financial planning, consumer education, taxation (estate and retirement income);
6. **Veterans affairs** (i.e., VA benefits and home purchase assistance);
7. **Crime prevention** (i.e., neighborhood watch); and,
8. **Disease-specific sessions and support information** (e.g., Alzheimer's).

Proposed Agenda  
Governor's Summit on Seniors  
Monday July 24, 2000  
Sillers' Conference Room

- I. Introduction of agencies and purpose
  - A. Mission and design
- II. Problem Identification
  - A. What are the problems facing seniors (1,2,3,4, ...)
- III. Solution Identification
  - A. What programs do we, as a state (not just an agency) have to respond to these problems?
  - B. Do they work, and how well?
- IV. Timeline, agency involvement and financing