
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: SIMMONS
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH: INVESTING INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL IN EARLY CHILDHOOD HEALTH CONFERENCE – **REVISED MEMO**
DATE 9/13/00
CC: FILE

The National Committee on Partnerships for Children's Health is hosting the Investing Intellectual Capital in Early Childhood Health conference in Charlotte, NC, on October 17 and 18. Per your request, I've been working on Mississippi's team for the conference. Ann Rosewater never responded to my email for her list of suggested team members for Mississippi. The conference materials suggest that the 12-15 member teams be comprised of the following:

State government:

Governor and member of his staff

- **Governor Musgrove (conference is on his calendar for the 18th)**
- **Donna Simmons or Kelly Riley** (white female, Jackson)

Health, early childhood education, and higher education leadership

- **Roy Hart, Director of First Steps, State Department of Health** (white male, Jackson)
- **Carol Burnett, Office of Children and Youth, DHS** (black female, Jackson)
- **Dr. Susan Rucker, Director of Curriculum, MDE** (white female, Jackson)

Relevant state legislator

- **Rep. Charles Young** (black male, Meridian)

Academics (Including public, private and relevant 2-year institutions)

Chancellors of Academic Affairs

- **Dr. Bill McHenry, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs, IHL** (black male, Jackson)

Deans of medicine, public health, nursing, or chairs of pediatrics, nursing, social work

- **Dr. Susan Buttross, Director of UMMC's Child Development Clinic** (white female, Jackson)

Deans/chairs of education and experts in early childhood education

- **Dr. Cathy Grace, MSU's Early Childhood Institute** (white female, Starkville)

Presidents or trustee sympathetic to higher education engagement in community

Practitioners

Chair of state Academy of Pediatrics, other leading child health/nursing practitioners

Directors of 1-2 excellent early childhood programs or family day care networks

- **Julia Washington, Operation Shoestring** (black female, Jackson)

Head Start Collaborative coordinator

- **Lynn Masters, MDE's Head Start Coordinator** (white female, Jackson)
- **Billy Night, Singing River Educational Association** (black male, Lucedale, small head start center)
- **John Hales, Pearl River Valley Opportunities** (black male, Columbia, large head start center)

Foundation/Business leaders interested in early childhood health

The National Committee will assume lodging and travel expenses for ten members of the team. Excluding the Governor, the above list contains twelve names (with either you or me in that 12) and includes 5 white females, 2 black females, 1 white male and 4 black males, with members from the Jackson metro area, central Mississippi (Meridian) north Mississippi (Starkville) and south Mississippi (Lucedale, Columbia).

Please advise as to if we want to send twelve with our office a team member's agency picking up their cost or if we want to limit the team to 10 with all expenses paid. I've been told that you have to put a fire under Roy Hart to have him be an active participant of most activities, so he could be cut. I thought that the Department of Health should be considered in the team, as the conference focuses on public health strategies and early childhood education programs.

I will submit the contact info for the team ASAP following your approval. Thanks!