

Governor's Health Care Summit
Solutions for the Uninsured
Friday, June 1, 2001 - Hilton, Jackson, MS

May 16, 2001

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Dear Senator «Last_Name»:

Thank you for your interest in participating in our upcoming Governor's Health Care Summit. Enclosed is the final agenda for the summit. The purpose of this meeting is to assess the needs of the uninsured in Mississippi and to discuss possible remedies. The Health Care Summit will convene at the Jackson Hilton, Friday, June 1st, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.

If you should require additional information, please feel free to contact me at 359-3150, or by email at dshearer@governor.state.ms.us.

We look forward to seeing you at the Governor's Health Care Summit: *Solutions for the Uninsured*.

Very truly yours,

Debbie Shearer
Health Policy Advisor

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Governor's Health Care Summit Working Agenda

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9:15	Welcome	Salon A & B
	Keith Tonkel has served as pastor of Wells United Methodist Church in Jackson since June, 1969. Reverend Tonkel was licensed as a local preacher in the Methodist church in 1954 and ordained as an elder in 1962, after he was graduated from Millsaps College with a BA in Philosophy and from Emory University School of Theology. During his time at Emory, he has served as a psychiatric residency at Georgia Baptist Hospital and on the staff of Northside Methodist Church in Atlanta.	
Invocation		
9:30		
Keynote Address	Governor Ronnie Musgrove State of Mississippi	
10:00	Panel: Profile of the Uninsured in Mississippi	Salon B
Panel speakers:	Dr. Linda Southward is a Research Scientist with the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State and currently serves as Coordinator of the Family & Children Research Unit. John Holahan is Director of the Health Policy Research Center at the Urban Institute. He has authored several publications on the impact of public policy and market forces on the health sector.	
Reactor Panel:	Dr. Aaron Shirley, M.D. is Director of Community Health Services for University Medical Center and Chairman of the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation Board. Dr. Shirley is a pioneer of rural health care for the state of Mississippi, as well as school-based clinics and adolescent care. State Representative James "Jim" Evans is Vice Chair of the Constitution committee. He also serves on the Banks & Banking, Public Health & Welfare, Rules and Ways & Means committees. Representative Evans was born October 13, 1950 in Newton. He is a Mason and is married to the former Sarah O'Reilly. He is of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Interdenominational faith. Dr. Sheila Davis is a member of the Mississippi Nurses Association and the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She was recently appointed to the Consequences of Uninsurance Committee of the Institute of Medicine Committee. This is a three year appointment. The Committee plans to issue six reports that document and assess health, social and economic effects that being without health insurance has for individuals and families, and that a substantial uninsured population has for communities and the nation as a whole.	
11:15	Panel: Mississippi Options for Expanding Coverage	Salon B
Panel speakers:	Rica Lewis Payton is the Division of Medicaid Executive Director. Ms. Payton has extensive experience in hospital and health administration through her work as a Veterans Affairs hospital administrator. Kimberly Perry is the Field Coordinator for Families USA, the national consumer health care organization in Washington, D.C. Ms. Perry has extensive experience in health policy at the federal and state level.	
Reactor Panel:	State Representative Henry William "Chuck" Espy, III (District 26; Coahoma, Bolivar) serves on the Apportionment & Elections, Agriculture, Ethics, Juvenile Justice and Oil, Gas & Other Minerals committees. Representative Espy was the principal author on legislation during the 2001 Legislative session to expand eligibility under existing Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs to include parents and caretaker relatives of eligible children. Dr. John Bowers, M.D. Mary Patterson	

12:30 Lunch with Matt Matt Salo is Director of Health Legislation for the National Governor's Association. Prior to joining NGA as their chief health lobbyist in January of 1999, Matt spent five years working for the National Association of State Medicaid Directors. He earned his first health policy Purple Heart analyzing the Clinton Health Security Act, and his second with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. He has written extensively about tobacco, Medicaid, medicare, maternal and child health, long-term care, information systems, and managed care, and firmly believes he was personally responsible for both the repeal of the Boren Amendment and securing the entire tobacco settlement for the states.

1:30 Interactive Breakout Sessions

**Cabana
Crown
Room
Salon B**

2:15 Panel: Funding Options

Panel speakers: Gary Anderson is the Executive Director for the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration. A native Mississippian, Mr. Anderson established himself as an expert in the fields of finance and banking.

Jocelyn Guyer is part of the national policy staff at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Ms. Guyer specializes primarily on state and national health policy issues in her position as a Policy Analyst. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities has done extensive work on cost estimating for uninsured parents in Mississippi.

**Reactor
Panel:**

State Senator Hob Bryan serves as Chairman of the Elections committee and as Vice Chairman of the Public Utilities committee. He also serves on the Constitution, Education, Finance, Highways & Transportation, Judiciary, PEER and Public Health & Welfare committees.

Senator Bryan was born in Amory, December 5, 1952. He is a member of the Amory Rotary Club and is of the Baptist faith.

Robert Pugh is the Executive Director of the Mississippi Primary Health Care Association (MPHCA). Mr. Pugh has been involved in the health care industry, in the State of Mississippi, and a health care professional since 1975 and has numerous health care professional positions in Government as well as in the private sector including hospital management and operations.

Charles Pace is the Director of Government Affairs and Compliance for BlueCross BlueShield of Mississippi. He has over 25 years of experience in insurance and regulation of the insurance industry.

3:30 Moderator Reports and Closing Remarks

Moderator 1: Christy Gilliland, Living Independence for Everyone

Christy is the Executive Director for Living Independence for Everyone.

Moderator 2: Letitia Thompson, American Cancer Society

Letitia is the Health Systems Specialist for the American Cancer Society.

Moderator 3: K.C. Caldwell, Mississippi Forum on Children and Families