

The Honorable Ronnie Musgrove

Governor of the State of Mississippi

Ronnie Musgrove was elected Mississippi's 62nd Governor on January 4, 2000. Governor Musgrove was born in Tocowa, Mississippi in 1956 and was elected to the Mississippi Senate in 1987. He has a history of serving the state of Mississippi diligently and honestly. Now he looks toward the future of Mississippi, toward a goal of progress and prosperity. He works for unprecedented goals and unparalleled progress.

Jeffrey Lewis

Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer, Heinz Family Philanthropies

Jeffrey Lewis directs and administers a multi-million dollar family philanthropy strategically focused on ventures philanthropy- using philanthropic dollars to help leverage public and private funds. Mr. Lewis authored the *Heinz Plan to Overcome Prescription Drug Expenses (HOPE)*- a plan to provide prescription drug coverage to all persons 65 and older living in Massachusetts. Mr. Lewis will release a study in 2001 entitled the *Aggregate Prescription Drug Purchasing Study: Myth or Reality*

Joe D. Gallaspy

Social Security Administration

Joe D. Gallaspy has a BS degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is employed with the Social Security Administration as a Public Affairs Specialist. Mr. Gallaspy has served as Public Affairs Specialist for the Jackson Social Security Office since 1994. He has conducted numerous seminars about the benefits offered through Social Security.

Penny Harkins

Medicare Part A

Penny Harkins has been married for 12 years and has 3 wonderful boys. She has been employed with TriSpan Health Services for 11 years. Ms. Harkins is a member of the Blue Crew and HELP Club. Ms. Harkins presently works in the Medicare Customer Service Correspondence area. She also participates in many of the Medicare Beneficiary Outreach Programs representing TriSpan Health Services.

Debra Dear

Medicare Part B

Debra Dear has been employed with the Medicare Part B Carrier since 1976. She has witnessed the Carrier change companies from The Travelers, MetraHealth, United HealthCare, to Cahaba GBA. Ms. Dear has worked in many departments with Medicare Part B, including Mail & Control, Resolutions, Appeals, Provider Services, Provider Outreach, Appeals (Service Coordinator), and presently Beneficiary Outreach and Congressional Liaison.

Dorothy Jones

Division of Medicaid

Dorothy Jones received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Alcorn State University in 1979. She worked in the Children's Health Program, known as EPSDT, and Programs Review, before moving to the Managed Care Division. In the Managed Care Division, Ms. Jones initiated and implemented the program to educate people with Medicaid about managed care programs, including HealthMACS and HMOs. Ms. Jones is now the Director of the Beneficiary Relations Division in the Bureau of Provider/Beneficiary Relations. Her staff is responsible for providing statewide education/outreach regarding the Medicaid program, including Mississippi Health Benefits (CHIP) program.

Cathy Vernon*Department of Insurance*

Cathy Vernon is the Director of the Consumer Services Division of the Department of Insurance. Ms. Vernon has worked with the Department of Insurance for more than 20 years.

Ivory L. Craig*Division of Aging and Adult Services*

Ivory L. Craig is a Program Administrator Senior with the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services. She coordinates the Mississippi Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (MICAP) and the Information and Referral/Assistance Program. Mrs. Craig has been employed in this position since August 1994. Mrs. Craig received her B.S. in Psychology from Jackson State University and her M.Ed. from Delta State University.

Anniece McLemore*Division of Aging and Adult Services*

Anniece McLemore is the Mississippi State Long-Term Care Ombudsman with the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services. She is responsible for managing the statewide Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP). Ms. McLemore is an advocate and administrator with over 25 years of experience in education and human and social services. For the past 8 years, she has served as the state ombudsman. Ms. McLemore attended Jackson State University and the University of Southern Mississippi. She also has a national and state ombudsman certification from the National Association of State Ombudsman.

Shirley S. Rainey*Division of Aging and Adult Services*

Shirley S. Rainey is employed as the Program Coordinator for Home and Community-Based Services for the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services. She coordinates case management, adult day care, senior centers, respite, homemaker services, and other special projects for the Division. She has been employed with the agency since 1991 in various positions, Program Operations Officer, Program Administrator, and now Program Coordinator. Ms. Rainey is a graduate of Jackson State University with a BS in Education and is a Licensed Social Worker.

Robert M. Perry*Administrator for ConvaRest Northgate, Hattiesburg*

Robert M. Perry received his B.A. degree from the University of Mississippi in 1988. He became a hospital administrator in 1991 and licensed as a nursing home administrator in 1994. Mr. Perry has served as administrator of hospitals and nursing homes in the State of Mississippi. He has been a nursing home preceptor since 1993 and currently is training an associate to become a licensed administrator. Mr. Perry is currently the Administrator for ConvaRest Northgate in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Belinda Rabby

Administrator of Windham House, Hattiesburg

Belinda Rabby is a University of Southern Mississippi graduate. She majored in General Business. Ms. Rabby has been employed in nursing home administration since 1982 in the Gulf Coast and Hattiesburg area. She has experience in seven different facilities involving providers of Medicare, Medicaid, VA contracts, and private pay. Currently, Ms. Rabby is the Administrator of Windham House of Hattiesburg. Windham House is a 69-bed provider of medicare, private nursing home and assisted living beds.

Linda Turner

Executive Director of the MS Alzheimer's Association

Linda Turner has a BA from Tougaloo College and an ABMA from Georgia State University. Ms. Turner serves as the Executive Director of the MS Alzheimer's Association. As Executive Director, she has developed a customized Alzheimer's curriculum for professional staff development; conducted in-service educational training for care providers around the state; created a widely recognized "Living With Alzheimer's" resource Guide; and managed a Chapter that provided nearly 10,000 educational and support services annually to families and caregivers affected by Alzheimer's disease.

Alice Mitchell

Department of Mental Health

Alice Mitchell is employed with the Department of Mental Health as Director of the Alzheimer's Division. She has over 20 years experience in the mental health field. Ms. Mitchell previously served as a Program Planner/Evaluator for the Department of Mental Health, and as a County Administrator/Therapist with the Pine Belt Department of Mental Health. Ms. Mitchell has a B.S. and a M.S. from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Stanford Qualls

AARP State Coordinator

Stanford Qualls is the State Coordinator for AARP/VOTE. He is a resident of Bogue Chitto, MS. He is married to the former Fronie Moody, and is the father of 5 children, and has 2 grandchildren. Mr. Qualls has a BS degree from Alcorn State University and a MS degree from Mississippi State University. Mr. Qualls is an active member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Benjamin Harper, Jr.

AARP Representative

Benjamin Harper, Jr. is the State Coordinator for AARP Consumer Issues, Team Member of AARP Grassroots and Election, and Chartered Member of Mississippi Leadership Council on Aging. Mr. Harper was educated in the Hattiesburg Public School System (Eureka High School). He holds a BS degree in Science from Alcorn State University, and a MS degree from Atlanta University in Zoology. Mr. Harper is a retired Biology instructor/administrator from Hinds Community College, Utica Campus. He is an Honorable Discharged Veteran of the Korean War. He is Sunday School Superintendent and Trustee of the Pearl Street A.M.E. Church. Mr. Harper is married and has 3 children. Mattie Stevens

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State Director, AARP

Mattie Stevens is the State Director for AARP. Prior to becoming State Director, Ms. Stevens was employed with the Attorney General's Office.