
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: SGPB: PEW PARTNERSHIP'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
DATE 5/2/02
CC: KINNEY, BOYD

You will recall that you have selected "Community Leadership" as the theme for your term as Chairman of the Southern Growth Policies Board (SGPB). Linda Hoke of SGPB's staff has contacted me with an opportunity that has presented itself to SGPB that Mississippi can play a lead role in.

The Pew Partnership has established its new "Leadership Plenty" program, which consists of a set of materials that the Partnership has created to help communities develop grassroots leaders. Pew is seeking 10 national implementation partners for the program and SGPB is interested in applying to be such a partner and in adding an economic development focus to Pew's materials. In order to apply to be such a partner, SGPB must identify five specific sites and/or groups that would implement the leadership program during the next year. Linda wanted to offer us the opportunity to suggest a Mississippi community or organization that might be interested in serving as one of SGPB's five implementation sites.

The Pew Partnership will provide the following for each site:

- The Leadership plenty program materials (full facilitator's guide) at no charge
- "Train the trainer" instruction for one staff person at a two-day conference in Richmond in July. Pew will over the costs of lodging, meals, and materials, but not travel.
- Technical assistance to help the community or organization implement the program
- Facilitation of a "learning community" to help facilitators share ideas with other sites

Thus, each site will have to pay for travel to the Richmond conference and for implementation of the program here. Although we could suggest a Mississippi community as an implementation site, I think an organization that could reach out to several communities would get us more bang for the buck and prove more effective. I would propose one of the following:

1. The McClean Institute for Community Development at Ole Miss (Dr. Vaughn Grisham)
2. The Leadership Resource Center at USM (John Burks) (earn us points in South MS)
3. The Enterprise Corporation of the Delta (Bill Bynum)
4. The Mississippi ARC office (Dr. Mabel Murphree)

Please advise as to if you want me to contact one of the above to see if they are interested or designate another organization or community that you want me to contact. Thanks!