
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: MS SELECTED BY NGA FOR NETWORK ON SCHOOL HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS
DATE 8/15/01
CC: RENICK
SEWELL

We have been notified by NGA that we are 1 of 5 states (Mississippi, Missouri, Utah, Vermont and Wyoming) selected to participate in the NGA Center for Best Practices Interdisciplinary Network on School Health Benefits. Ours was 1 of 10 applications received by NGA. The purpose of this 2-year NGA initiative is to support five states in building and sustaining community-school partnerships that promote school health and improve academic achievement. This is a great compliment to your health care proposal.

NGA will host a kickoff meeting for the network of 5 states in Portland, Maine, October 28-29. Our state team will create a strategic plan at that meeting and the Center will then provide customized technical support to assist us in implementing our plan during the course of the next 2 years.

Boyd asked Medicaid to develop our proposal. You were out of town when we received the final proposal, so Bill looked over the proposal and your letter of support, which was required for our proposal to be considered. Members of Mississippi's team include:

- Joyce Vaughn, MDE, Comprehensive School Health/Clinics/ School Nurses
- Charles Orr, MDE, HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Coordinator
- Bo Bowen, Division of Medicaid, Deputy Administrator
- Kaye W. Bender, Deputy State Health Officer
- Dr. Pat Cooper, Superintendent, McComb School District
- Myself (Project Leader)

Mississippi will receive \$7,500 to pay for travel costs or technical assistance associated with the project. Our team will be asked to cover any additional expenses over and above the stipend, including travel lodging, per diem or incidentals for team members. I do not foresee where we would incur expenses over the \$7,500 provided. We have to confirm our participating in the network to NGA by Monday, August 20. Do you want me to confirm our participation?

Yes _____

No _____