
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: JOBS FOR MISSISSIPPI GRADUATES
DATE: 8/11/00
CC: BOYD
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TELL

Joy Milam of MDE brought Kimberly Barr of the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) to our offices on August 3 to introduce her to Dr. Cole and myself. Ms. Barr had also met with Speaker Pro Tem Clark; Jean Hendrix (JMG Director), Dr. Richard Thompson and Judy Rhodes. She planned to meet with Jean Denson of DECD and Cole Crawson of the National Guard.

JAG plans to conduct a management review of Jobs for Mississippi Graduates (JMG) within the next 6-8 weeks. JAG feels that JMG might be putting too much focus on its funding needs and might be losing sight of its programs. The management review will make recommendations in those areas identified as needing improvement. JMG will be submitting a grant application in response to DHS's RFP for TANF projects. However, the RFP capped grant awards at \$150,000. JMG plans to apply in the second round of grant awards, as well, for total potential TANF funding of \$300,000 (\$150,000 each RFP).

Joy Milam stated that, based upon conversations with Mike Larsen, DECD appears hesitant to provide an estimated \$50,000-\$100,000 in funds until they know of your position on the matter. Dr. Cole has asked me to encourage you to express your support of JMG to DHS and DECD.

Barr reported that JAG would like to see JMG's board recreated and inclusive of representatives of this office, DECD, MDE, DHS and the Legislature. JAG anticipates the board's composition being split between government and the private industry. Barr reported that the Governor chairs the state board in 27 states and extended JAG's invitation to you to chair JMG's board. Dr. Cole explained your limited resources for such chairmanships, but explained that we would convey the invitation to you.

Please advise.