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State Board of Health Endorses Musgrove Health Care Proposal

Jackson, MS – The State Board of Health has endorsed components of the health care proposal unveiled by Governor Ronnie Musgrove at the Neshoba County Fair in July. Musgrove’s proposal recommends using revenue from the tobacco settlement to maximize federal dollars for health care needs in the state.

“The support of the State Board of Health affirms this proposal will address health care needs in Mississippi,” Musgrove said. “We can and we will make the changes necessary to improve the overall health of the people of this state.”

Musgrove presented his proposal to the State Board of Health in a meeting on Wednesday, October 24.

“With all the health care issues facing Mississippi today, we have to be creative in how those issues are addressed,” said Dr. Ed Thompson, Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Health. “Governor Musgrove’s proposal offers options that can provide dramatic improvements, and these options should be considered.”

Following Governor Musgrove’s presentation, the Board of Health adopted a resolution stating that “1) there are major health care needs in the state that are unmet; 2) the Board feels we can use the money wisely for Medicaid waivers; 3) this can save state money in the long term in terms of treating chronic diseases; 4) these health care expenditures should be prioritized utilizing the state health plan and monitored to ensure the state is getting its money’s worth.”