
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: SMITH
SUBJECT: GOVERNOR'S HEALTH CARE COMMISSION SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
DATE: 7/02/03
CC: RENICK, LEE ANN, SEWELL, BOYD, KINNEY

The Governor's Health Care Commission met last on March 28, 2003, Friday before conference weekend. As you may recall, the members passed a resolution to urge the legislature to fully fund Medicaid. They also voted and passed a recommendation to establish a sub-committee to develop a plan to educate the public about the truth about Medicaid, not just from a health care perspective but from an economic perspective as well.

The sub-committee met recently. The sub-committee members are as follows:

- Robert Pugh, Mississippi Primary Health Association
- Sean Courtney and Roy Mitchell, Mississippi Health Advocacy Program
- Dr. John Bower, Bower Foundation
- Ted Woodrell, co-chair of the Health Care Commission

The recommendations of the sub-committee were:

- Develop a clear, concise, easy to understand one page document to be developed by Art Cosby at the Social Science Research Center at MSU (The Bower Foundation is funding this effort and he has already directed Art Cosby to start developing a document)
- Dr. Bower told the whole Commission that the Foundation would also fund public forums or public meetings, if needed, to get this information out to the general public
- Discuss sub-committee recommendations with the whole Commission at the next meeting

Dr. Bower suggested that Rica and I meet with the members of the sub-committee soon to talk about the direction we need to go and get this public education campaign done in the next 2-3 months. We are in the process of setting up that meeting.

If you have questions, please let me know. I will keep you updated.