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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** SMITH  
**SUBJECT:** GOVERNOR'S HEALTHCARE PANEL  
**DATE:** 5/6/02  
**CC:** ENTIRE STAFF

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First I'd like to apologize for not providing this list to you sooner. I wanted to make sure we end up with the right members on the panel. The professionals on the attached list are well prepared to do the task at hand.

The panel members will meet monthly to update you and Rica. Between monthly panel meetings, each member will be conducting focus meetings to develop ideas and solutions that apply to their area of expertise. Panel members will let me know when and what topic will be discussed at the focus meeting so Rica can send a representative from Medicaid. I will also attend as many as possible. Reports from the focus meetings will be provided to you and Rica at the monthly panel meetings.

Dr. Tim Alford told me about a computer program that the folks at MSU have developed that is getting national recognition. It is the Mobile Decision Support Lab developed by the Social Services Research Center lead by Dr. Art Cosby. I have spoken with Dr. Cosby and he said they would assist you in any way they can if you want to use the system. He said he can get the university plane and only needs a couple days notice to fly down to go over the program prior to the first panel meeting to make sure that you get the kind of reports that you want. A facilitator will come to the panel meetings and each panel member will receive a laptop and respond to questions during the meeting. The computer will compile all information entered by the members and generate a report at the end of the meeting. This report will provide direction to the members to take to the focus meetings.

I envision you announcing the panel members this week, having another press hit next week with the Mobile Decision Support Lab, and another press hit when the panel meets the week of May 27th. There will be plenty of opportunities for press at the numerous focus meetings that will be going on all over the state between monthly panel meetings. You could even put a couple of sentences in your weekly column about which focus meetings are taking place.

We can discuss any questions you may have at the staff meeting today.