
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: SMITH
SUBJECT: NGA ACADEMY REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE
DATE: 07/18/02
CC: RENICK, GAVIN, TURNER

As you are aware, NGA Policy Academy is addressing Chronic Illness Management this August. This is a working academy with the majority of the effort beginning prior to the meeting. Yesterday, we met for the pre-meeting conference with NGA and NCSL facilitators to initiate the preparation process. Yolanda will meet with the Mississippi delegation again August 5th for final preparation.

Those members in attendance (Dr. Allan Penman, Victor Sutton, Renee Elmore, Dr. Aaron Shirley and Rep. May Whittington) welcomed and appreciated Yolanda's input in assisting the group to meet its objectives and assigned tasks for that meeting. More so, they are depending on the work she will contribute during the next three weeks of preparation. They voiced support of her accompanying the team to the NGA Academy to continue to contribute in this role.

Considering the percentage of the healthcare budget spent on managing chronic diseases, Mississippi needs the best team possible to address this crisis. Yolanda complements our team and adds a wealth of information. She holds two masters degrees (adult health nursing and healthcare management) as well as doctoral work in health policy. She is a valuable member of our team and her duties and efforts are in fact greater than the average team member.

Since all the NGA supported positions are full, I am requesting that the Office of the Governor sponsor Yolanda to attend the NGA Policy Academy. The estimated cost is approximately \$945.00 (Flight/Room \$670 and Registration \$275). NGA & NCSL have already cleared her attendance through their associations and look forward to seeing her there. Anything done by this office would be greatly appreciated.

