
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: SMITH
SUBJECT: MISSISSIPPI ALLIANCE FOR PREVENTION
DATE: 9/11/02
CC: RENICK, MAYO, SEWELL, KINNEY

In October 2001, through a cooperative agreement with the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Mississippi was awarded a nine million-dollar State Incentive Grant (SIG). The grant will be dispersed to the state annually in increments of three million dollars over a three-year period. Our State Incentive Grant in Mississippi is called the Governor's Mississippi Alliance for Prevention (MAP). Led by the Governor, the Department of Mental Health will administer the grant. SIG calls on Governor's to develop and implement a comprehensive statewide substance abuse prevention strategy to optimize the use of all State and federal substance abuse prevention funding.

Communities across the state submitted proposals, competing for sub-grants of approximately \$100,000 per year for three years to implement science-based substance abuse prevention programs targeting 12-17 year old youth. These communities will receive \$100,000 each year for a total of three years if programs demonstrate that they are having an impact in their communities. The review of the proposals was finalized recently and recipients of the sub-grants have been notified. The communities will receive grant funds in October.

I attended the Mississippi Alliance for Prevention (MAP) Advisory Council meeting this week. The members of the council feel that we need to raise awareness about the MAP project by involving the legislators from the communities that will be receiving the sub-grants from the State Incentive Grant. We propose to do this by inviting them to the press conference and reception on September 18, 2002. This will give the legislators some positive press and a chance for the grant recipients to get to know and educate their legislator about MAP. It will also give the public the appearance of all of the branches of government working together supporting our youth. We could get pictures of you, Dr. Hendrix, the legislators, and the grant recipient and send info to all the local papers so the communities connect you with this grant money and the MAP project.

I have attached a list of the members of the advisory council, a list of the grant recipients, counties that will be targeted initially, and the legislators who represent the county.

Is this okay with you to proceed inviting the legislators to the press event and reception?

YES _____

NO _____