
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOYD
FROM: SMITH
SUBJECT: GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR
DATE: 8/14/02
CC: JUMPER

Several weeks ago we had the press conference at Madison Central High School announcing that Mississippi had received the State Incentive Grant **to target drug and alcohol abuse among our youth, ages 12-17 years of age**. Mississippi is calling it Mississippi Alliance for Prevention or **MAP**. There was a great response to the press conference and our office and Department of Mental Health has received numerous calls related to how **different communities across the state can apply for one of the sub-grants totaling about \$100,000 each**. There have been 33 proposals submitted from across the state, but only **20-25** will be funded. The Department of Mental Health is in the process of reviewing the proposals to choose the recipients of the grants.

I have spoken to Lee Ann about having a press event on this so that the Governor and Dr. Hendrix could pass certificates/awards to the grant recipients, followed by a reception at the Governor's Mansion or the Governor's Office at the capitol. Since **this is the number one public health problem facing the nation today**, I think it should be worked in his schedule and it would be **great press to have the Governor giving money to our communities across the state to fight alcohol and drug abuse**.

If the scheduling team would discuss possibly doing something on one of the following dates, please consider the following dates:

Sept. 17th, press event and reception at the Governor's Capitol Office

or

Sept. 18th, press event at the Governor's Capitol Office, followed by a reception at the Capitol or the mansion for the grant recipients. (I think this would be the best).