
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: SMITH
SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR'S HEALTHCARE COMMISSION REPORT
DATE: 9/23/02
CC: RENICK, MAYO, KINNEY

Rica feels very strongly about acknowledging the Healthcare Commission's recommendations. She has submitted the revised attached responses and has requested that you reconsider your position. She feels that the commission members deserve a response for all the hard work that they put into their report and I agree. If she does not respond, the members of the commission may not feel like their recommendations were taken seriously.

I have read the attached responses from Rica and see them as a perfect opportunity to educate the providers on the commission, as well as make them feel that their input is valuable. Many of these recommendations have been discussed with the Legislative Medicaid Working Group, including the meeting last week with the EP&P consultant hired by the Hospital Association. If anything, it will validate everything you've been saying, that given the flexibility to manage the Medicaid program, a more cost-effective, more efficient program will be implemented.

Will you reconsider and allow Rica's staff to release this response along with a copy of the letter to you?

YES _____

NO _____