
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOYD
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: 6/12 COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEETING ON DIGITAL DIVIDE GRANT
DATE 6/13/00
CC: SIMMONS

Marsha Meeks Kelly held a second meeting yesterday afternoon for those parties interested in partnering on the Digital Divide grant. No new information was discussed at the meeting, rather she simply discussed the grant with the new parties at the table. Those present included:

Abdul Azeez
Judy Stein, Commission for Volunteer Services
Marsha Meeks Kelly, Commission for Volunteer Services
Della Archie, Hinds County Human Resource Agency
Helen Soule, Department of Education
Marilyn of the Metro Jackson Boys and Girls Clubs
Velma Haines, Piney Woods School
3 representatives from the Mississippi Rural Center in Columbia
Ann Haworth, Girl Scouts (grant writer)

Kelly said that MDE is the only entity to express a definite interest in partnering. She said that she has a meeting scheduled for 10:30 today with the Attorney General's Office to explore the opportunities for that office to submit a mentoring grant proposal. After discussion, the consensus was that the AG's office would submit a grant proposal to partner with local providers, if awarded the grant, to provide AmeriCorps members to non-profit organizations and that MDE would submit a grant proposal to encompass the AmeriCorps needs in the schools and the Governor's Classroom Technology Task Force.

Soule said that MDE's grant would be requesting a substantial number of AmeriCorps members to provide teacher training and technical support. She said that her idea is to pair up large teams of AmeriCorps members with those schools that will be receiving a large number of computers. Marsha Meeks Kelly said that MDE/schools have an advantage in that they can count their federal Title funds as the cash match on the grant application.

Ann Haworth met with Helen Soule following the meeting and I sat in. They have arranged a meeting for 1:30 next Monday, June 19, in Helen's office to discuss the grant design. They are planning on bringing in the budget personnel (Judy Rhodes) after this initial meeting. The question of office space for the project managers (anticipated to be at least two personnel) arose. It is anticipated that there will be at least two personnel, and probably more, serving in this capacity. Marsha suggested that our office might want to consider housing them or to investigate the potential of housing them with one of the other task force partners' offices. I explained that we have no space and that we do not anticipate having extra space in the Woolfolk Building, but that I would share this concern with you.