

MEMORANDUM

November 14, 2001

TO: Senator Mike Chaney
FROM: John Sewell
RE: Information for introduction of Governor Musgrove

I have been asked to provide you with some information regarding Governor Musgrove's stand on mental health issues for your introduction of the Governor tomorrow morning.

On July 2, Governor Musgrove signed Executive Order 847 creating the Governor's Commission for Citizens with Disabilities. The Commission will serve to develop a system for program planning and advocacy for individuals with physical, mental and developmental disabilities. Dr. Randy Hendrix, Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health, is one of fourteen members on the Commission.

In Governor Musgrove's Executive Budget Recommendation for FY 2002, he called for 5.6 percent increase in the budget for the Department of Mental Health.

Governor Musgrove is committed to addressing the health care needs of all Mississippians, and has a plan for doing it.