
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: COMMISSION ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS: 2003 ACTIVITIES
DATE 1/2/03
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Joe Cole, Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness and Sports, and I had lunch recently to discuss the Commission's activities. Joe suggested that we focus on specific activities this upcoming year so that the Commission can achieve more exposure. I agreed with his suggestion, as there are numerous activities that the Commission can be and is involved in, but the work is often fragmented with no recognition. Commissioners should feel as if they are making an impact on the health of our state. Joe and I are recommending the following four areas for your approval:

1. Schools: Continue the Excellence in Physical Education annual awards. Continue to work with the Mississippi Alliance for School Health (MASH) and the Department of Education to identify funding for MDE's Physical Education Coordinator position. Joe wants to set up a meeting between Dr. Johnson, himself and me to discuss the Commission's work and this issue. This will address the needs of our state's younger citizens.
2. Sr. Olympics: The Commission is recognized for being associated with Sr. Olympics. Commissioner Joyce Anderson represents the Sr. Olympics. She has already inquired as to your being able to make an appearance at this year's Olympics (she is to forward me the dates). Sr. Olympics is popular with our state's senior citizens.
3. Physical Fitness (General Population): We are recommending the following:
 - Business Community: Continue the Worksite Wellness annual awards. In addition, we want to work with MEC to possibly publish worksite physical fitness tips in their newsletters.
 - Physical Fitness Report: Continue to assess the state's physical condition and report it annually.
 - Media/newspapers: Prepare a physical fitness column or editorial (to be approved by our Communications Office) for quarterly distribution to the print media throughout the state.
4. Fundraising: The Commission receives no funding from the state. We are in search of grants or private donors.

Do these 4 areas meet with your approval for 2003 Commission activities?

Yes _____

No _____