
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: SGPB: USM'S IMPLEMENTATION OF PEW PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
DATE 9/27/02
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You will remember that the Southern Growth Policies Board was chosen as one of 10 national implementation partners for the Pew Partnership's new "Leadership Plenty" program, which consists of a set of materials that the Partnership has created to help communities develop grassroots leaders. USM's Center for Community and Civic Engagement is one five entities working with SGPB to implement the leadership program during the next year. We selected USM to work with SGPB to earn us some favorable comments at USM and in south Mississippi.

Tom Schnaubelt, Director of the Center, has briefed me on the work thus far. He has attended the training institute for the initiative. The Center must now select a local community to work with. This will consist of bringing together a group of 8-15 citizens together for a 2-3 month period (approximately a 60 hour commitment). The group will work through the "Leadership Plenty" training modules. After conferring with the Director of USM's Center for Community and Economic Development as to areas in need of such resources, Schnaubelt is suggesting that the Center conduct the "Leadership Plenty" program in Prentiss in Jefferson Davis County. Program participants will be selected this fall. I'll work with Stacey and Armerita to identify our contacts in the area that can nominate community members for participation. The program will be rolled out in the spring. I'll work with Lee Ann on media coverage. We can highlight the program during the SGPB Annual Meeting on the Coast next June.

Do you approve of the Center conducting the Leadership Plenty program in Prentiss in Jefferson Davis County or is there another city or county in the area that you would like them to work with?

Jefferson Davis _____ Other _____

Betty Byrd, Administrator of External Affairs for Bell South, also attended our meeting. Byrd works closely with the Bell South Pioneers in their civic activities. She is going to work with Schnaubelt to provide any resources that might be needed for the program (i.e., babysitting services for participants, coffee, copies, etc...) She also suggested that the program be offered at a later date to corporations as a resource for up and coming leaders. This would be a great initiative to roll out in 2003. The pilot program in Jefferson Davis County will give us the opportunity to work out any kinks.