

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Bowling</i>	DATE <i>10/18/06</i>
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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleaved 10/31/06, e-mail response attached.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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FAX NO: 803-255-8235

FROM: Melissa Chandler

REFERENCE: Constituent letter

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Hawaii Illinois
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Mississippi Missouri
Montana
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Money Follows the Person (MFP)

Tennessee
Texas
Virginia
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

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What's our State doing to provide housing options for persons leaving nursing homes?

From: Bart Brophy <allaboutbart@bartbrophy.com>
To: Sam waldrep <Waldrep@scdhs.gov>
Date: 10/31/2006 5:37:11 PM
Subject: Re: Money Follow the Person grant

excellent, it is the future and SC needs to jump on it for the human dignity aspects alone, when that's the foundation only good things will happen!!

*Small
reference
Waldrep*
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----- Original Message -----

From: Sam waldrep <Waldrep@scdhs.gov>
To: Harriet Johnson <hmjohnson1@earthlink.net>
Cc: Maris Burton <scicidr@aol.com>; Bart Brophy <allaboutbart@bartbrophy.com>; MIKE GODKIN <drc@knology.net>; Gloria Prevost <prevost@protectionandadvocacy-sc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2006 4:42:04 PM
Subject: Re: Money Follow the Person grant

We will be submitting our application tomorrow. Hopefully, we can get it on our website soon, and I think it will also be available at grants.gov
Sam

>>> "Harriet Johnson" <hmjohnson1@earthlink.net> 10/12/06 10:45 AM >>>
Hello Sam,

So we have been talking about why SC has not expressed interest in applying for a Money Follows the Person grant. It seems right in line with the Olmstead report on which we so long labored.

Here is a link to an excellent NPR story touting the grants as a major victory for the movement and remarkable exercise in bureaucratic doing-the-right-thingship:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6076125>

And here's a link to lots of very inspiring nuts-and-bolts info on Money Follows the Person (and other Medicaid/long term care topics) from Steve Gold, the brilliant Philadelphia lawyer who came up with the Olmstead theory.

<http://www.stevegoldada.com/stevegoldada/archive.php?cat=Medical>

What's the problem? Whom do we need to convince? All information will be appreciated.

HARRIET MCBRYDE JOHNSON

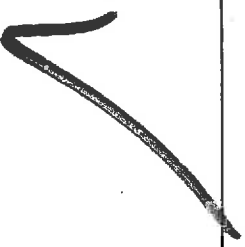
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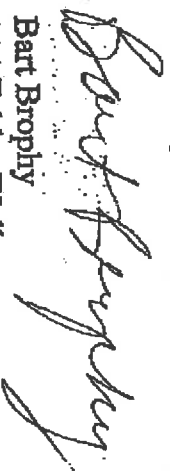
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