

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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<b>DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000314</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>10/24/06</i>
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

<b>APPROVALS</b> <small>(Only when prepared for director's signature)</small>	<b>APPROVE</b>	<b>* DISAPPROVE</b> <small>(Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)</small>	<b>COMMENT</b>
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TO: Jan - Se DHHS

FAX NO: 803-255-8235

FROM: Melissa Chandler

REFERENCE: Constituent letter

DATE: 10/16/2006

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September 26, 2006

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- District of Columbia
- Florida Georgia
- Hawaii Illinois
- Ibidiana Iowa
- Kansas Kentucky
- Louisiana Maine
- Maryland Michigan
- Mississippi Missouri
- Montana Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
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For more information on MFP:

Tennessee  
 Texas  
 Virginia  
 West Virginia  
 Wisconsin  
 Wyoming

States that did NOT express Interest in Applying for MFP:

Alabama  
 Alaska  
 Arizona  
 Colorado  
 Idaho  
 Massachusetts  
 Minnesota  
 Nebraska  
 Oregon  
 Rhode Island  
 South Carolina  
 South Dakota  
 Utah  
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**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!!

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Log # 314

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Sam waldrep <Waldrep@scdhs.gov>  
**To:** Harriet Johnson <hmjohnson1@earthlink.net>  
**Cc:** Maris Burton <scicdir@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 beaurocratic 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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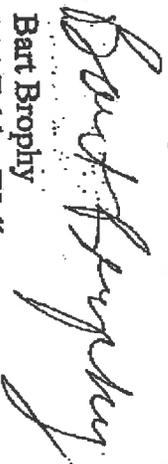
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