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To: [John Davis](#); [Laurie T. Smith](#)
Subject: RE: Save the Children TANF Request
Date: Monday, November 19, 2018 1:21:50 PM
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Mr. Davis and Dr. Smith,

I talked with Mr. Champion and he suggested a conference call. He would like his client to be present and a conference call could be done quickly rather than trying to arrange a date when they could all be present.

I'll discuss with Mr. Davis this afternoon.

Thank you,
Zola



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Subject: Re: Save the Children TANF Request

Laurie,

I was out of the office Friday and just now reading my emails. Ms Zola will reach out to Chris Champion first of the week so we can get him to come in and determine the best course of action.

I will keep you posted.

John

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Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 4:18 PM

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Subject: FW: Save the Children TANF Request

What did you decide on this request?

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Subject: Save the Children TANF Request

John,

Hope you are well. I know Laurie has had a conversation or two with you lately regarding Save the Children (STC). They had submitted a couple of proposals (which I have attached) regarding TANF funding for programs in the upcoming year. The Governor, through Laurie's advice, helped us obtain some TANF funding the past year or so and have been able to use those funds to sustain programs as legislative appropriations have decreased over time. Unfortunately, STC is looking at having to cease operations in several of the areas they serve because they haven't heard back from DHS about the status of TANF funds in this new fiscal year. They have tried to reach Dana Kidd and her team on multiple attempts. (If this is the wrong contact, please let me know)

It's my understanding the TANF allocation may have decreased for Mississippi and you and your team are still working through the best way to allocate those funds. STC is hoping they do not have

shut down some of these programs but if they cannot get any guidance from MDHS, they will have to by the end of the month. Could you or your team investigate this issue and see what may could be done to keep these programs open and provide STC an idea of what funding they may can receive for 2019.

As always thanks for your help and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Chris

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