

Suggested Topics for Discussion at 5th District
Program Planning Meeting

At a meeting held on April 8, 1965, in Hattiesburg, it was proposed that there be a Program Planning Meeting for COFO staff in the 5th Congressional District at Waveland, Mississippi on the 14th and 15th of April. Present at this meeting were Doug Smith, Bob Moss, Dicki Flowers, Jim Forman, Rev. Bob Beech, John Fawcett, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Walker, Mrs. Peggy Jean Connor, Mary Louise Crosby, Emma Jean Wilbourn, Sherri Anne Blakely, Cornelia Mack and Phyllis Cunningham.

Topics for Discussion for the Program Planning Meeting

- 1) 5th Congressional District COFO Office
This office would be staffed by four persons.
 - a) person to be liason with FDP
 - b) person to do research in the district
 - c) person to work on communications and to do general office work
 - d) person to work on programming for teenagers and young adultsThe district office would be reflected on the project level.
- 2) Research which has been done in the 5th District
Research material brought to the meeting will be discussed. There is valuable information in the 'heads' of individual workers. This information will be taped at the meeting. Some important data has been taken out of projects with workers who have gone. This information should be retrieved if possible.
- 3) Methods and tools of research
- 4) Evaluation of what work has been done in the 5th District
- 5) Characterization of the 5th District
This can be discussed in terms of rural and urban areas, political and economic structure including employment, etc.
- 6) Work that has to be done in the 5th District
Hopefully we can plan programs.
- 7) Budgets
Finances concerning office rents, supplies, transportation, etc. Information concerning cars in use and those not in use should be supplied. An estimate should be given concerning the repair of those cars not in use.
- 8) Recreation and vacation for workers
- 9) Expansion
This topic would deal with the opening of new counties.
- 10) Topics on the discussion outline drawn-up following the April 6 evening meeting at the recent statewide COFO meeting in Hattiesburg
- 11) Organization of project offices

It was felt that the 5th District should function more as a district rather than just individual projects. The work of the district may be more effective if the work in the projects is more coordinated. The effectiveness of strickly voter registration work was questioned. There was much concern about employment programming.

The agenda is open for suggestion of other topics which may be discussed.