

**Minnesota Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce**  
January 12, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.  
State Office Building – Room 300N

**Draft Minutes**

**Members Present**

Sen. David Senjem  
Dawn Steigauf  
AJ Paron-Wildes  
Renaë Ouillette  
Dr. Kimberly Klein  
Dr. Jodi Milburn  
Dr. W. Brooks Donald  
Virginia Richardson  
Jean Bender  
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**Members Absent**

Sen. Terri Bonoff  
Rep. Tara Mack  
Rep. Nora Slawik  
Dr. David Griffin  
Abdullahi Farah

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

**Help Me Grow Video and MN Parents Know Website**

The task force watched a video called Help Me Grow, which covers a wide range of information regarding early intervention. There was also discussion on the Minnesota Parents Know website, which contains resources and activities to help your children grow, develop and learn from birth through high school.

**First Signs**

The task force discussed and looked at the First Signs packet that was developed as a way to chart your child's progress and to help determine if there are signs of a disability. Included in the kit is: a milestone chart, developmental screening guidelines, checklists for development, information from schools on referrals, and a video tape.

**Task Force Report**

The task force reviewed the report that was due to the Legislature on January 15, 2010. It was approved by the task force and will be delivered to the legislators listed in the enacting legislation.

**Early Childhood Discussion**

The task force continued their early childhood discussion on topics such as: starting services before a formal diagnosis has been made, children age birth to three and service coordination, how to reach out to different groups of children with autism, medical homes, the home life of children with ASD, progress that has been made the past 20 years, as well as several other topics.

**General Discussion/New Business**

The next two task force meetings will be Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in SOB 300 North and Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in SOB 300 North.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.