

Minnesota Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce
February 23, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.
Capitol 316

Draft Minutes

Members Present

Rep. Tara Mack
Rep. Nora Slawik
Dawn Steigauf
AJ Paron-Wildes
Dr. David Griffin
Dr. Kimberly Klein
Dr. Jodi Milburn
Jean Bender
Virginia Richardson

Members Absent

Sen. David Senjem
Sen. Terri Bonoff
Dr. W. Brooks Donald
Renaë Ouillette
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Abdullahi Farah

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Early Intervention Research – Mary Powell, Autism Society of Minnesota

Mary Powell from the Autism Society of Minnesota presented on understanding the case for early intervention. Ms. Powell explained that the Autism Society of Minnesota is an important resource in helping families with autistic children. They provide resources and support to families as they navigate the system. The following topics were discussed: evolution of understanding autism from 1945 to present, understanding brain development, what autism research now tells us, Lovas study, Denver model, several different autism studies and reports, First Words Project, current practices in Minnesota and models to consider for young children.

The task force then had a discussion on the early intervention research that was provided during the presentation.

New Business

At the next meeting the task force will be having a series of community presentations.

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, March 25th, 2010

Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force

9:00 a.m. – Location TBD

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force

6:00 p.m. – SOB 300 N

Thursday, May 13th, 2010

Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force

9:00 a.m. – Location TBD

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.