

Minnesota Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce

June 22, 2010 – 9:00 a.m.

State Office Building – Room 300 N

Minutes

Members Present

Rep. Tara Mack

Rep. Nora Slawik

Dawn Steigauf

AJ Paron-Wildes

Dr. Kimberly Klein

Dr. W. Brooks Donald

Virginia Richardson

Jean Bender

Members Absent

Sen. Terri Bonoff

Sen. David Senjem

Dr. David Griffin

Dr. Jodi Milburn

Renae Ouillette

Abdullahi Farah

Virginia Richardson

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Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from June 22nd meeting were approved.

Discussion of Task Force Recommendations

The task force discussed the list of recommendations submitted by the members. They condensed several of the recommendations into a few they would potentially like to move forward with and support. They are as follows:

1. Statewide awareness campaign - The task force discussed the idea of a statewide awareness campaign (potentially along the lines of First Steps) that reaches out to everyone, not just doctors.
2. Mandate Follow Along/Help Me Grow - The task force discussed recommending a mandate that every county has a standard screening and follow-up program. This recommendation would attempt to reduce inequity in services between counties. There

was no agreement on this recommendation. However, it is still on the table for further discussion.

3. Distribution of Educational Materials - The task force discussed recommending funding for greater distribution of FAQs/filers/brochures to day care centers and posting on the Department of Health's website. This was part of a discussion to develop a statewide awareness campaign.

4. Service Coordinator - The task force discussed recommending the implementation of an autism service coordinator. This person would potentially work through DHS. Along with the service coordinator would be the recommendation for mandated service coordination one year after a child has received an ASD diagnosis, regardless of their age.

The above recommendations are not a complete list of what the task force will be supporting, but the start of a potential list for final recommendation. There will be continued discussion of recommendations at the August 12th meeting.

Next Meetings

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Room 300N SOB

Thursday, August 12, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Room 300N SOB

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.