

Minnesota Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce

November 12, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.
State Office Building – Room 300S

Draft Minutes

Members Present:

Rep. Mack
Dawn Steigauf
AJ Paron-Wildes
Dr. David Griffin
Renee Ouillette
Dr. Kimberly Klein
Idil Abdull
Dr. W. Brooks Donald

Members Absent:

Sen. Senjem
Sen. Bonoff
Rep. Slawik
Virginia Richardson
Dr. Jodi Milburn
Jean Bender

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Health

Sarah Thorson from the Minnesota Department of Health gave a presentation on MDH's efforts to improve the health and well being of those with special needs. The Minnesota Department of Health helps link people with special needs to the proper services. MDH receives 700 contacts per year regarding 44 different conditions. They are currently working on better coordination of services. Members of the task force questioned the presenter on barriers, both within MDH, as well as the barriers the members of the task force face in their own navigation of the system.

Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Education

Phil Sievers, Marty Smith and Mike Landers, all from the Minnesota Department of Education, presented on the services MDE provides for those with ASD and other disabilities. They also talked about early learning services, as well as how the different programs are financed. The task force then questioned the presenters on how they are

currently improving their special needs services, and what their plans are for future improvement.

General Discussion/New Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1 at 4:45 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.