

Minnesota Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce
December 1, 2009 – 4:45 p.m.
State Office Building – Room 300N

Draft Minutes

Members Present:

Sen. Senjem
Sen. Bonoff
Rep. Slawik
Rep. Mack
Dawn Steigauf
AJ Paron-Wildes
Dr. David Griffin
Renaë Ouillette
Dr. Kimberly Klein
Idil Abdull
Virginia Richardson
Dr. Jodi Milburn
Jean Bender

Members Absent:

Dr. W. Brooks Donald
Renaë Ouillette

Meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Discussion and Approval of Task Force Procedures

Some members drafted a list of procedures to follow over the two year period the task force is intact. They were discussed, amended and adopted.

Report Due to Legislature on January 15, 2010

The task force discussed the yearly report that is due to the Legislature on January 15, 2010. It was decided that the report will be more of a work plan and update on what has been done so far since the task force has only been meeting for a few months. Members decided they would include the following: member's names and representation, number of times the task force has met and the meeting dates, presentations by departments, an explanation of the chronological way each subject will be discussed, and information on various state programs. Since the Legislature does not convene until February 4, it was decided that the report will be ready by then, instead of January 15.

Early Childhood Discussion

The task force held a discussion on various aspects of early childhood education, detection, and intervention. They discussed the most important issues relating to children, including: dramatic improvement with early intervention, how the Department of Education handles autism as opposed to other states, different streams of payment, programs such as Help Me Grow, and major portals for children entering the system. The task force is hoping to have the Department of Human Services present at the next meeting.

Future Meeting Dates

Tuesday, December 15th, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 12th, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 28th, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 9th, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23, 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.