

Minnesota Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce
July 10th, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.
123 State Capitol

Members Present

Brad Trahan
Dawn Steigauf
Regina Wagner
Barb Dalbec
Dr. Catherine Pulkinen
Rep. Tara Mack
Dr. Kimberly Klein
Rep. Nora Slawik
Abbie Wells-Herzog
Dr. Michael Reiff
Heather Hanson
Dr. David Griffin

Members Absent

Sen. David Senjem
Jody Manning
Renee Ouillette
Phil Sievers
Idil Abdull
Sen. Chris Eaton

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Updates from Department of Health and DHS

The Departments (Human Services and Health) gave department updates and agency reports regarding the strategic plan, as well as a detailed update on the waivers they are applying for relating to ASD.

Members Update

Each task force member in attendance gave a brief update regarding their organization and what they were working on or concerned about. Many had concerns about the waiver DHS was applying for, as well as minority and rural representation in the autism community.

Draft Plan Proposal Update

Chair Trahan gave a brief update on the work that has been done with the facilitator in drafting the state plan proposal. Each of the departments will split the \$16,875 cost of working with the facilitator. The subcommittee will begin meeting regularly so the task force can meet their deadline for having the state plan completed.

SWOT Analysis

The task force completed a SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat) analysis by going around the room and each member listing one strength, weakness, opportunity and threat. Chair Trahan will compile this information and get it out to members of the task force and facilitator. This analysis will be important in helping the task force, subcommittee and facilitator define the priorities of the task force and where the focus should be in developing the state plan.

Next Meetings

Tuesday, August 7th at 9:00am – Room 123 State Capitol

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.