

Minnesota Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce

February 5, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.

300 SOB

Members Present

Brad Trahan

Dr. Michael Reiff

Dawn Steigauf

Anne Harrington

Barb Dalbec

Dr. David Griffin

Phil Sievers

Idil Abdull

Dr. Catherine Pulkinen

Members Absent

Dr. Troy Hanson

Rep. Nora Slawik

Abbie Wells-Herzog

Dr. Kimberly Klein

Sen. David Senjem

Sen. Chris Eaton

Dr. Troy Hanson

Jody Manning

Renee Ouillette

Rep. Tara Mack

Heather Hanson

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Members reviewed meeting minutes from past meeting.

Chair Trahan asked members for feedback on MN Autism Task Force Strategic Plan Report.

Dr. Reif was happy with the report that came out of this task force.

Dawn Steigauf was happy to see the all the years of hard work that went into the report.

Phil Sievers said it was done well and is getting good feedback from educators and mental health service providers

Dr. David Griffin was impressed with the way it was put together.

Dr. Catherine Pulkinen liked seeing the families in the forefront and it gives a roadmap on what direction the taskforce needs to focus on.

Anne Harrington excited to see all the work to come together in this product since autism is a complex issue and will refer to the report during her work at DHS.

Barb Dalbec knows this will help to identify where grant money could go with use of report.

Chair Trahan began the discussion on strategy in implementing the 9 specified elements for the next two years. Chair Trahan gave the idea of splitting up sections for 9 different subcommittees to review and report back to the taskforce.

Barb Dalbec began discussion on grants and RFP's.

Chair Trahan announced Anne Harrington will be replacing Reggie Wagner. He has not been notified that anyone wants to leave taskforce. The taskforce will need House Democrat to replace Rep Slawik.

New Business Barb Dalbec said the Health Department is working on preventive health care measures and health care reform

Anne Harrington updated the taskforce on DHS ICI housing study, Early Intervention, and HSAK reports that should be coming out soon. Also discussed the small grants that are being used to implement parent training programs.

Phil Sievers began discussion on school teacher licensure programs and reducing restricted procedures such as timeout rooms and restraints.

Idil Abdul was happy with the Autism taskforce report; felt it had every thought that was discussed in the taskforce. Also spoke about communities getting educated through workshops with parents, educators, and doctors on early detection signs. Idil spoke on the governors proposed funding for autism services and what is happening on the federal level.

Dr. Reif who represents the Academy of Pediatrics is working on guidelines for early intervention.

Dawn Steigauf spoke about groups working on reducing prone restraints.

Chair Trahan explained his comments on how people with autism will affect the judicial system.

Chair Trahan addressed members of taskforce on ethical conduct while in meetings followed by conversation from the members.

Next Meeting Chair Trahan will email out to members

No quorum to approve minutes

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.