

Minnesota Autism Spectrum Disorder Taskforce

January 11, 2011 6:00 p.m.

State Office Building – Room 300 N

Minutes

Members Present

Rep. Nora Slawik
Dawn Steigauf
AJ Paron Wildes
Dr. Jodi Milburn
Jean Bender
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Members Absent

Sen. David Senjem
Sen. Terri Bonoff
Rep. Tara Mack
Dr. Brooks Donald
Virginia Richardson
Dr. Kimberly Klein
Dr. David Griffin
Abdullah Farah
Renaë Ouillette

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the December, 2010 meeting were approved.

Amy Hewitt – University of Minnesota

Amy Hewitt from the U of M Institution on Community Integration and MN LEND Program spoke to the task force on what the U of M is doing to educate professionals and students in 12 different disciplines on ASD and neuro-disabilities. She also spoke about the Region 5 group that is working on developing an autism state plan for Minnesota. Many different groups are involved in Region 5, including: state departments, the U of M, several autism groups, and members of the medical community. The task force discussed working with the Region 5 group, as it is one of the priorities of the task force to develop a state plan.

Discussion of Legislation

The task force discussed draft legislation to establish a task force in order to continue the work of the current task force and ensure a state plan is developed and implemented. Draft

language was decided on, and legislation will be chief authored by Rep. Mack and Senator Senjem.

January Report

The task force members reviewed a draft report and made suggestions to be included in the final draft. Included in the report will be a list of all presenters from January 2010-January 2011, a recommendation to continue a taskforce after the sunset of the current task force, and the work plan that the task force has been following. The content of the report was approved and the report was to be submitted by the 15th of January.

Next Meetings

Tuesday, February 8th, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. - 400 South
Tuesday, March 8th, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. - 400 North
Thursday, April 7th, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. - 400 North
Tuesday, April 19th, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. - 400 North
Tuesday, May 10th, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. - TBD
Tuesday, May 24th, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. - TBD
Thursday, June 9th, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. - TBD
Tuesday, June 21st, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. - TBD

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.