

**Governor's Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorders**  
**Full Task Force**  
Conference Call  
February 18, 2009  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
Summary of Minutes

Committee Members

Ausley, Lorraine	absent
Bailet, Laura	
Benson, Holly	absent
Berkman, Karen	
Block, Lance	absent
Brosco, Jeffrey	absent
DeBeaugrine, Jim	
Demko, Tamara	
Dowds, Debra	
Emken, Elizabeth	
Hill, Kimberly	absent
Homant, Susanne	absent
Houghland, Patty	
Jackson, Jarl	absent
Kanjian, Robert	absent
Kompothecras, Gary	absent
La Belle, Richard	absent
Llorente, Marcelo	absent
Lockman, Bambi	(non voting representative Michele Polland)
Marino, Dan	absent
Perkins, Randal	absent
Precourt, Lisa	absent
Purvis, Kelly	
Ring, Jeremy	absent
Ros, Ana Viamonte	(non voting representative, Dr. Joe Chiaro)
Sequenzia, Ven	absent

Department of Health Staff

Howard, Catherine  
Taylor, Lona

Agency for Persons with Disabilities Staff

Copley, Kimberly

*Call began at 1:04 p.m.*

Ms. Demko reminded the Task Force that the call scheduled for February 26, 2009 will be a voting call for substantive changes/edits to the report. Items that Task Force members want voted on should be submitted in writing to Tamara Demko by Friday, February 20, 2009.

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Ms. Demko shared that she received feedback from Task Force member, Karen Berkman, from the CARD Centers requesting a change in the terminology from “care taker” to “care giver”. Also requested was an expansion of adult care services in the Quality of Life section of the report.

Also received was a recommendation to add to the beginning of the document a disclaimer that states that the Task Force does not endorse any specific organization or entity, theory or therapy.

Ms. Demko asked Ms. Polland to advise Task Force member, Bambi Lockman, that the Task Force needs assistance describing the base student allocation and how that recommendation relates to the recommendation regarding the McKay Scholarship.

Ms. Demko stated that a revised version of the report will be sent to the Task Force members on Friday, February 20, 2009.

Ms. Demko shared that on the February 26 call, approval of minute meetings will be the first agenda item. These minutes will be forwarded via email for review.

Ms. Demko shared that the Governor’s Commission on Disabilities is reviewing each legislative bill that impacts persons with disabilities. Bills will be voted on and if supported, a letter of support from the Commission will be forwarded to the Governor. Ms. Demko asked the Task Force members if they are interested in doing something similar or if appropriate, collaborating with the Governor’s Commission on Disabilities to follow this same process. This response would be from the Task Force collectively to the Governor, not the legislature. Dr. Bailet commented that legislation would need to directly support and be in alignment with the recommendations of the Task Force.

Ms. Demko asked for any comments on the report. The Task Force had none.

Mr. DeBeaugrine adjourned the call.

*Call concluded at 1:19 p.m.*

Taken By: Lona Taylor