

Governor's Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorders
Full Task Force
Conference Call
March 10, 2009
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Summary of Minutes

Committee Members

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

Department of Health Staff

Howard, Catherine
Taylor, Lona

Agency for Persons with Disabilities Staff

Copley, Kimberly

Call began at 1:02 p.m.

Ms. Demko announced the next Task Force meeting scheduled on April 1st. She also reviewed the World Autism Awareness Day events.

Mr. Sequenzia provided an update on the Inaugural Autism Walk scheduled for April 2.

Mr. La Belle provided an update on the Family Network on Disabilities reception scheduled for the evening of April 1st for the Legislature, Cabinet, and Task Force.

Ms. Demko provided an update on the current legislative activity.

Ms. Demko addressed the recommendation regarding Window of Opportunity Act (Recommendation 28.3). She noted that since, to date, there are no signatories to the compact, the Task Force may want to reword the recommendation. Based on feedback from the group, Ms. Demko will review and possibly rephrase this recommendation to be more applicable to current events while keeping the intent of the original recommendation.

Ms. Demko reviewed current edits to the report and opened up discussion on feedback.

Mr. Kanjian made a comment regarding the recommendation regarding restraint and seclusion as a last resort. He stated that the wording is awkward and requested that the staff perhaps revise it.

Bailet will forward an article on transition needs for high-functioning adults transitioning from college into workforce.

Ms. Demko stated Dr. Berkman forwarded some family success stories to her to include in the report.

After the technical comments on the report, Dr. Brosco requested feedback from the group regarding a letter drafted by him to the Governor regarding the potential misuse of the Task Force recommendations regarding immunization.

There was significant discussion about the letter and its intent.

Ms. Demko announced the next conference call.

Call concluded at 2:20 p.m.

Taken By: Catherine Howard