

Governor's Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorders
Full Task Force
Conference Call
March 17, 2009
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Summary of Minutes

Committee Members

Ausley, Lorraine	absent
Bailet, Laura	absent
Benson, Holly	absent
Berkman, Karen	absent
Block, Lance	absent
Brosco, Jeffrey	absent
DeBeaugrine, Jim	absent
Demko, Tamara	
Dowds, Debra	absent
Emken, Elizabeth	absent
Hill, Kimberly	absent
Homant, Susanne	
Houghland, Patty	
Jackson, Jarl	absent
Kanjian, Robert	absent
Kompothecras, Gary	
La Belle, Richard	absent
Llorente, Marcelo	absent
Lockman, Bambi	
Marino, Dan	absent
Perkins, Randal	absent
Precourt, Lisa	absent
Purvis, Kelly	
Ring, Jeremy	absent
Ros, Ana Viamonte	(non voting representative, Dr. Chuck Alexander)
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 welcomed the group and began to review the most current copy of the report that was sent out earlier in the day. She stated that it was possible to request an extension for turning in the report to the Governor's office if necessary.

She noted a few things that still need to be updated. This included the Cost Section, adding a recommendation and discussion regarding the removal of the medical model from CARD statute as it pertained to the Jacksonville center, and the appendices.

She stated that the email also contained a draft copy of the glossary and requested that Task Force members alert her to any terms they believe should be added or revised.

She announced that she would contact Dr. Brosco later in the day to discuss the Strategic Roadmap Section.

Ms. Demko asked Ms. Lockman for clarification on the recommendation in the report regarding the base student allocation under Quality of Life - Education. Ms. Lockman explained how the allocation works for students with disabilities. Based on their conversation, Ms. Demko was able to draft the discussion section for that recommendation. Ms. Lockman agreed to review the section after Ms. Demko completes it for accuracy.

Dr. Homant requested that a note regarding the significant discussion and disagreement regarding immunizations be inserted to the Letter to the Governor at the beginning of the report instead of noting it on Page 13 – Recommendation Process. Ms. Demko stated that she will forward and email out to Task Force members requesting their feedback.

Ms. Demko stated that the discussion and background section on assistive technology needs further development and asked the group if any of them had expertise in this area. Ms. Lockman stated that she will forward the current section on assistive technology to the individual responsible for it within the Department of Education for feedback. Dr. Homant also stated that she will forward it to a member of her organization with specialized knowledge.

Dr. Kompothecras noted that it may be helpful to have a cost analysis offered in conjunction with the recommendations. Ms. Demko agreed but stated that there is not sufficient time to provide an accurate and thorough cost analysis on all current recommendations.

Ms. Copley announced a social event benefitting the FSU CARD Center on April 1, 2009 at the Tallahassee Comedy Zone. She also discussed the Inaugural Tallahassee Walk for Autism on April 2, 2009, benefitting the Florida Chapter of Autism Society of America. She noted that all Task Force Members are encouraged to attend.

Ms. Howard commented that the April Task Force meeting will take place from 1-5 p.m. on April 1, 2009 in Tallahassee. She added that the meeting will be held at the FSU Foundation.

Ms. Demko made closing announcements, including the announcement for the next conference call scheduled on Thursday, March 19 from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Call concluded at 1:32 p.m.

Taken By: Catherine Howard

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