

**50-06-32. Autism spectrum disorder task force - Appointment - Duties - Annual reports.**

1. The autism spectrum disorder task force consists of:
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    - (1) The state health officer, or the officer's designee;
    - (2) The director of the department of human services, or the director's designee;
    - (3) The director of special education, or the director's designee; and
    - (4) The executive director of the protection and advocacy project, or the director's designee; and
  - b. The following members appointed by the governor:
    - (1) A pediatrician with expertise in the area of autism spectrum disorder;
    - (2) A psychologist with expertise in the area of autism spectrum disorder;
    - (3) A college of education faculty member with expertise in the area of autism spectrum disorder;
    - (4) A licensed teacher with expertise in the area of autism spectrum disorder;
    - (5) An occupational therapist;
    - (6) A representative of a health insurance company doing business in this state;
    - (7) A representative of a licensed residential care facility for individuals with autism spectrum disorder;
    - (8) A parent of a child with autism spectrum disorder;
    - (9) A family member of an adult with autism spectrum disorder; and
    - (10) A member of the legislative assembly.
2. The director of the department of human services, or the director's designee, shall serve as the chairman. The task force shall meet at the call of the chairman, at least quarterly.
3. The task force shall examine early intervention services, family support services that would enable an individual with autism spectrum disorder to remain in the least restrictive home-based or community setting, programs transitioning an individual with autism spectrum disorder from a school-based setting to adult day programs and workforce development programs, the cost of providing services, and the nature and extent of federal resources that can be directed to the provision of services for individuals with autism spectrum disorder.
4. The task force shall develop a state autism spectrum disorder plan and present the plan to the governor and the legislative council before July 1, 2010. Thereafter, the task force shall continue to review and periodically update or otherwise amend the state plan so that it best serves the needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorder. The task force shall provide an annual report to the governor and the legislative council regarding the status of the state autism spectrum disorder plan.