

Special Education Cost Model Task Force

Minutes of Meeting February 23, 2018

Call to Order:

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Special Education Cost Model Task Force met on Friday, February 23, 2018 in North Meeting Room J of the State Office Building, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

Mr. Matthew Galligan, Chair of the Special Education Cost Model Task Force, called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Task force members in attendance:

- Kathy Demsey, Chief Financial Officer, State Department of Education
- Stephen DiCenso, Consulting Actuary, Milliman, Inc.
- Liz Donohue, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
- John Flanders, Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center
- Matthew Galligan, Town Manager, South Windsor
- Marie Salazar Glowski, Assistant Executive Director, Connecticut Association of Schools
- Janet Peruccio, Superintendent, Old Saybrook Public Schools
- David Scata, Executive Director, Connecticut Council of Administrators of Special Education
- Jeyaraj Vadiveloo, Director, Goldenson Center for Actuarial Research, University of Connecticut
- Michael Grove, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Operations, Meriden Public Schools

Task force members absent:

- Jeffrey Kitching, Executive Director, EdAdvance
- Patrice McCarthy, Deputy Director and General Counsel, Connecticut Association of Boards of Education

Others in attendance:

- Kyle Abercrombie, Connecticut School Finance Project
- Martha Deeds, Connecticut School Finance Project (Presenter)
- Mary Glassman, Capitol Region Education Council
- Leah Grenier, Office of Policy and Management
- Sheila McKay, Connecticut Association of Boards of Education
- Mandi Lewis, Office of the Governor
- Fran Rabinowitz, Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents
- Katie Roy, Connecticut School Finance Project
- Janet Grace, Captive Insurance Division Program Manager, State Insurance Department (Presenter)
- David Lenihan, Connecticut Association of School Board Officials

1. Review and Acceptance of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the Monday, January 29 meeting was made by Mr. Flanders, and seconded by Mr. DiCenso. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Connecticut School Finance Project Presentation

Ms. Deeds, the Senior Policy Analyst at the Connecticut School Finance Project, made an informational presentation about the Special Education Predictable Cost Cooperative and answered questions about the proposal.

3. Connecticut Insurance Department, Captive Insurance Division Presentation

Ms. Grace, the Program Manager of the Captive Insurance Division at the Connecticut Insurance Department, made an informational presentation about captive insurance companies and answered questions about captives and their regulations in Connecticut.

4. Discussion of Agenda for Next Meeting

For the next meeting, scheduled for Thursday, March 8th, it was agreed to add the following items to the agenda:

- Discussion of framing of the task force’s work and adoption of mission statement
- Creation of work plan, including process for developing RFP, and discussion of other potential special education funding models.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.