

**Task Force to Study the Needs of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children and Adolescents**  
**January 8, 2004 @ 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**State House Room # 127**

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**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order. (8:00 a.m.)**

*Sen. Edmonds and Rep. Makas, Task Force Chairs, Task Force Members, Staff and Interpreters*

- Welcome and introductions
- Preview of meeting agenda and expectations
- Review meeting summary from 2<sup>nd</sup> Task Force meeting

**2. Department of Human Services Briefing. (Tentative) (8:15 a.m.)**

*Peter Walsh, Acting Commissioner, Department of Human Services [or Designee]*

- Improving the capacity and delivery of culturally competent, linguistically accessible services
- Identifying and tracking Deaf and hard-of-hearing children in need of specialized services
- Strengthening in-state specialty services and collaborative efforts with other states

**3. Task Force Discussion: Preliminary Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations. (9:00 a.m.)**

*Task Force Members and Staff*

- Review key problem areas and policy issues;
- Discuss preliminary findings and recommendations to address these main priority issues;
  - A. Improving the capacity and delivery of culturally competent, linguistically accessible services
  - B. Identifying and tracking Deaf and hard-of-hearing children in need of specialized services
  - C. Strengthening in-state specialty services and collaborative efforts with other states
  - D. Communication – improving public awareness of available services and information

**Break 10: 00 a.m.**

**4. Next Steps – Where do we go from here? (10:15 a.m.)**

*Task Force Members and Staff*

- Determine the next steps in finalizing recommendations to address these problems/issues; and
- Discuss plans for the final meeting and completion of the Task Force report.

**5. Adjournment. (12:00 p.m.)**