

**School Success Task Force (SSTF)**

**Meeting of June 20, 2012**

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Southern Illinois University**

**Morris Library, Room 184A**

**Carbondale, Illinois**

**I. Welcome and Introductory remarks**

**Not enough members present to have quorum.**

***Members present:***

Dr. Seymour Bryson, Illinois African American Family Commission

Maria Capoccia, Member

Representative William Davis, Co-Chairman

Twin Green, Member

Leslie Juby, Member

Dr. Arthur Sutton, Illinois Board of Higher Education

V. Sue Taylor, Illinois State Board of Education

***General Public present:***

Michael Byrd, Illinois African American Family Commission

Patricia Carpenter

Terry Solomon, Illinois African American Family Commission

Aquantis Williams

***Illinois State Board of Education Staff present:***

Beth Hanselman, Illinois State Board of Education

Cynthia Riseman, Illinois State Board of Education

**II. Approval of Minutes from meetings held on March 6, 2012 and April 30 ,2012**

Quorum not present – Minutes could not be approved

**III. Review of Task Force Purpose**

Quorum was not present so a formal meeting could not be conducted.

Terry Solomon and Maria Capoccia spoke on the purpose of the task force.

The purpose of the task force - Examine issues and make recommendations related to current State Board policies on suspension, expulsion, and truancy. Identify different strategies and approaches to reduce the numbers of suspensions, expulsions, and trancies. Promote professional development and support community based organizations and parents.

A discussion occurred regarding the policies that the State Board has in place for suspension, expulsion and truancy. The State Board does not currently collect policies on suspension, expulsion and truancy from each district.

**IV. Best Practices Sub-Committee Discussion**

Quorum was not present to conduct a formal meeting.

The Best Practices Sub-Committee has not yet met but they will meet prior to the next SSTF Meeting.

**V. Legislative Update**

House Bill 592 & 3086 were legislatively unsuccessful.

House Bill 3806 – was a trailer to update a bill that was passed last year.

**VI. Resource Document**

Document was provided for task force to review for the next meeting.

**VII. Set Future Meetings/Hearing Dates and Locations**

Future Hearing Locations suggested: Aurora, Elgin, Rockford and South Suburban Cook County. Following the hearings a meeting will be scheduled to be held through the Video-Teleconferencing (V-Tel) rooms in Springfield and Chicago. The plan is to schedule these three hearings before the end of July and early August.

**VIII. Task Force Recommendations (Discussion on Recommendations)**

Quorum was not present to conduct a formal meeting.

**IX. Public Comment**

Quorum was not present to conduct a formal meeting.

Lanphier High School in Springfield seems to be successful in addressing suspensions and expulsions. A few years ago they had an extremely high expulsion rate. However, in the last couple of years, since hiring a new principal, they have brought those numbers down drastically.

**X. Adjournment**