

## Education Cost Sharing Task Force

### MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 25, 2011

3:00 PM in Room 1A of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M.

Members and staff of the ECS Task Force gave brief introductions.

Chairman Barnes reviewed the agenda for the meeting. He also reviewed the materials passed out to the members.

Dr. Theodore Sergi asked, what the difference would be between the initial report due January 2, 2012 and the final report due October 1, 2012? Chairwoman Stillman explained that she believes that the initial report will be more about framework, while the final report will be as thorough as possible. Chairman Barnes added that it is important to make sure that legislative initiatives come out of this report. Even with the initial report there is the possibility that preparatory legislation could be submitted to the Legislature.

Mary Loftus-Levine proposed an idea that experts from the field would benefit the task force and should be brought in for guidance. Both Chairs agreed but also expressed concern that the parties brought in must have knowledge specifically to Connecticut.

Dr. Portia Bonner voiced her concern that in the past the full amount of money suggested by the old formula was not given in its entirety. Chairman Barnes explained that that he wants the full amount of funding, but more so that the formula is appropriate, allowing it not to be a burden.

Senator Toni Harp wants to explore different payment options at all levels including local and state. Dr. Sergi asked for the current percentages of payment and to look at other grants in the state to compare to ECS.

The Chairs announced that the task force staff will provide more information about ECS at the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.