

SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION PILOT TASK FORCE

Task Force Meeting notes September 10, 2008

Chairperson Steve Theall convened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. It was attended by:

Steve Theall, MOEC	Dennis Laabs, consultant	Rich Labrie, Consultant
Anne McKenzie, LPV	Gerry Mazor, LABBB	Kim Payne, HEC
Bob Kurtz, consultant	Jay Sullivan, MA DOE	Susan Rees, ACCEPT
Carla Jentz, ASE	Jeff Dias, Gifford School	Mike Gilbert, MASC
Chris Lynch, MA DOE	Jim Major, maaps	Nicholas Oliver, maaps
Colleen Cavanaugh, MAPT	Michael Laliberte, North River	Perry Davis, M.A.S.S.

Kathleen Modzelewski and Deborah Furioni of the U Mass Donahue Institute presented a PowerPoint summary of the "Review of the Outcomes to Date of the Special Education Transportation Pilot Program, August 2008".

Each Transportation Network Coordinator gave a brief status report.

MOEC responsibilities and expectations related to this project were presented.

Fall 2008 responsibilities of the Transportation Network were presented.

Task force meeting dates were set for **October 15 2008, January 7, 2009, March 18 2009 and May 18, 2009**. The meetings will be at TEC in Dedham and start at 9:30.

Driver and monitor training was discussed. MAAPS will identify member private schools that would be interested in making training available and inform the Transportation Networks. The Networks will provide MAAPS with a prioritized list of private schools from which they would like to receive training. The Networks will supply Information about training opportunities to the transportation providers.

The balance of the meeting was spent discussing the \$2,000,000 allocated by the Legislature for network transportation. The group discussed setting criteria and procedures for determining how these monies could be dispersed.

A working group was formed to draft recommendations and present them for review and discussion at the October 15, 2008 Task Force meeting. Consensus was reached that the Task Force should recommend that reimbursements should be based on FY2008 multi-district transportation efforts, and that they would require clear and auditable information provided by the Networks. The Task force will make final recommendations to DESE on January 7, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.