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## Minutes from State Aid Task Force Meeting March 1, 2012 via GoTo Meeting

### ATTENDEES

**Task Force Members Present:** Colet Bartow, Stacy Bruhn, Tracy Cook, Carly Delsigne, Judy Hart, Debbie Kramer, Sarah McHugh, DeeAnn Redman, Trista Smith, Sonja Woods

**Task Force Members Absent:** Carolyn Donath, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson

Tracy Cook called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

The minutes from the January 25, 2012 minutes were approved as presented.

Cook asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the vote about using estimates versus the 10 year actual census. There was no discussion.

Cook summarized charges from former State Librarian for task force. The task force has addressed most of the charges, but the issue of library districts remains. Based on past work the task force is recommending that MSL continue the original formula for calculating state aid. Cook asked task force members if the current formula treated library districts fairly. The majority of members indicated that the current formula was not perfect, but alternative methods did not seem to resolve its problems. No changes for library districts were suggested.

Cook and Bruhn then discussed the possibility of using, for statistical purposes, census data (estimates or projections) with the online statistical tools the state library offers. Larger public libraries indicated that this was a concern, so Cook and Bruhn talked about what is possible with the online system including adding this capability.

Cook asked task force about recommendations for the state librarian. After a brief discussion the task force members asked Cook to create a summary of what the task force has done so far, major points of discussion, concerns of the task force, and a recommendation. Task force members want the state librarian to have a summary document with more than just the recommendation.

Cook indicated that she will create this document and send to the task force members for feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.