



MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the ABLE Task Force
From: Ken Simpler
Sent: July 25, 2016
Subject: **Welcome to the Task Force!**

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the ABLE Task Force. Enclosed you will find everything you need to get you started! (And then some...)

Included in this three ring binder are:

- names and contact information for all members
- our scheduled meeting dates, times and location
- initial and revised legislation regarding the ABLE Act (including the fiscal note)
- several memoranda drafted by the staff of the Office of the State Treasurer regarding ABLE
- a power point presentation used at the LIFE Conference last January

Hard copies of materials to be distributed at meetings of the Task Force will be hole-punched for inclusion by you in the binder behind the appropriate tabs. (Note that the presentation for our first meeting has already been included.)

Finally, I wanted to note up front that the Plans Management Board has set a fairly aggressive timetable for us to consider the alternatives and report back to the Board by mid-October. Were resources for this effort not significantly constrained, I do not think this Task Force would have sufficient time to weigh all options. In this instance, however, I think the implementation paths for immediate consideration are limited.

In that context, but without trying to bias the outcome of our deliberations, I want to offer up a paradigm for consideration. We may want to break our exercise into two parts:

- 1) What we can do with the resources currently available to us (i.e., for fiscal year 2017 which began on July 1 and runs through next June 30)
- 2) What we should ask the General Assembly to appropriate for Fiscal Year 2018 (and beyond)

If there is anything else that our office can provide in advance of the meeting, please feel free to contact my assistant, Martie Sturtevant (Martha.Sturtevant@state.de.us or 302/672-6702).

I look forward to seeing all of you on August 1.