

# NCIOM Task Force on Transitions for People with Developmental Disabilities Meeting Topics and Presenters

## Appendix A

### Topics and Presenters

#### October 1, 2008

**Overview of Task Force charge and  
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#### **Overview of the issue**

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#### **System of supports and services**

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#### **What's happening in North Carolina?**

##### **Data review**

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**North Carolina education options**

##### **Secondary options**

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**December 17, 2008****Overview of aging issues**

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**State-funded services and supports**

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**Housing options**

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**January 21, 2009****Overview of developmental centers**

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**Overview of national outlook**

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**February 23, 2009****Successful transitions: family perspective**

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**Successful transitions: community  
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**Review and discussion of potential  
recommendations**

**March 16, 2009**

Review of report

Prioritization of recommendations