

**New York State Early Intervention Coordinating Council
Minutes – September 14, 2023**

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Welcome	<p>The following members/designated representatives attended the meeting:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="width: 45%;">Lynn Amell</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">X</td> <td style="width: 45%;">Melissa Groth</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Jessica Benton</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Steve Held</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td>Marcelle Bichotte-Dunner</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Leah Esther Lax</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Heidi Bond</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Lidiya Lednyak</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td>Raymond Bowman</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Lynn Shea - Rochester</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Bonnie Catlin</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Robin Stegman</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Joy Connolly</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Angella Timothy</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Cheryl Schaefer Coppola- Rochester</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Elina Tsenter</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Brigitte Desport</td> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Marina Yoegel</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">X</td> <td>Amy DeVito</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td>Patricia Zuber-Wilson</td> </tr> </table> <p>Department of Health staff present: Mary Amendola, Peter Baran, Diane Ginsburg, Mike Iorio, Dr. Marilyn Kacica, Kelli Lyndaker, Kenneth Moehringer, Travis O’Donnell, Raymond Pierce, Elizabeth Rialdi, William Sacks, Jennifer Sandshaw, Jessica Simmons, Dr. Shu-Kuang Tai, and Yan Wu.</p> <p>Guests: Marian Bellas- Westchester County DOH, Pamela Madeiros- NYS Alliance for Children with Special Needs, Brad Hutton- Hutton Health Consulting, June Harris Forrester- Oneida County Health Department, Jana Vitale- Children’s Speech and Rehabilitation Therapy EI Agency, Rob Lillpopp- PCG, Paul Ross- PCG, Paula VanMeter- PCG, and Lauren Zelinsky- PCG.</p> <p><i>All references to the Department refer to the New York State Department of Health, BEI to the Bureau of Early Intervention, and EI to the Early Intervention Program.</i></p>	-	Lynn Amell	X	Melissa Groth	X	Jessica Benton	X	Steve Held	-	Marcelle Bichotte-Dunner	X	Leah Esther Lax	X	Heidi Bond	X	Lidiya Lednyak	-	Raymond Bowman	X	Lynn Shea - Rochester	X	Bonnie Catlin	X	Robin Stegman	X	Joy Connolly	X	Angella Timothy	X	Cheryl Schaefer Coppola- Rochester	X	Elina Tsenter	X	Brigitte Desport	X	Marina Yoegel	X	Amy DeVito	-	Patricia Zuber-Wilson	
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Welcome Approval of Minutes	<p>Steve Held, EICC Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and thanked Council Members for attending the Early Intervention Coordinating Council (EICC) meeting.</p> <p>The next EICC full Council Meeting will be Thursday, December 14, 2023, from 10:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, October 24, 2023.</p> <p>Steve Held informed the Council that that the minutes from the June 22, 2023, meeting and the August 2, 2023, Executive Committee meeting were emailed to them.</p> <p>A motion was made by Elina Tsenter and a second by Heidi Bond and Amy DeVito to approve the June 22, 2023, meeting minutes. Twelve (12) members voted in-favor, none opposed, and two (2) abstained. The minutes from the June 22, 2023, meeting passed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next full Council meeting will be December 14, 2023 • The next Executive Committee meeting will be October 24, 2023 																																								

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<p>New Business <i>Video Message</i></p> <p><i>EICC Member Updates</i></p> <p><i>Bureau Administrative Updates</i></p> <p><i>EICC Meeting Dates 2024</i></p> <p>Open Discussion</p>	<p>Video Message from Dr. James McDonald, NYSDOH Commissioner</p> <p>Steve Held, EICC Chair, announced that Amy DeVito was elected as the EICC Vice-Chair.</p> <p>Ray Pierce, Director, Bureau of Early Intervention (BEI), introduced new EICC member, Joy Connolly, MPA, MA, who currently serves as an Associate Commissioner for the Division of Child Care Services at the Office of Child and Family Services.</p> <p>Ray Pierce, Director, Bureau of Early Intervention (BEI), provided updates on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulations Packet • Covered Lives • Telehealth Guidance • Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) to be added as a diagnosed condition with a high probability of resulting in developmental delay, which can help establish a child's eligibility for the New York State Early Intervention program. • Service Coordination (SC) billing guidance to be updated • BEI participated in the Parent to Parent of New York State meeting in July, and job fair hosted by Schenectady College and Career Outreach Center in August. With notice, BEI will participate in other events. • Academic Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EICC meeting dates for 2024 have been set: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thursday, March 14 ○ Thursday, June 13 ○ Thursday, September 12 ○ Wednesday, December 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of EI funding • Rate modifiers • Telehealth vs In-Person visits • A letter to NYSDOH Commissioner McDonald from the EICC in response to the video message to be drafted, utilizing feedback from the council, during lunch break. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau Administrative updates will be provided at the December 14, 2023 meeting • Memo with guidance regarding NAS will be sent via listserv. • Listserv requesting feedback regarding SC billing guidance will be sent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council requested a copy of Dr. McDonald's transcript.
<p>Report of Department Activities <i>Fiscal Agent Payment Data Update</i></p>	<p>Ken Moehringer, Fiscal Planning and Policy Unit, provided an update on the fiscal agent payment data.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the Fiscal Agent Payment Data will be given at the December 14, 2023 meeting

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Report of Task Force Activities <i>Provider Workforce Capacity Task Force including Competency-Based Training and Telehealth Update</i>	Marina Yoegel, EIO Westchester County, Task-Force Chair and Lidiya Lednyak, EIO NYC, Task-Force Co-Chair provided Provider Workforce Capacity Task Force including Competency- Based Training and Telehealth updates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force updates will be given at the December 14, 2023 meeting
Report of Department Activities (continued) <i>Early Hearing Detection, and Intervention (EHDI) Program Update</i>	Elizabeth Rialdi, Program Coordinator, Early Hearing Detection, and Intervention (EHDI) Program, provided updates on the EHDI program	
Lunch Break	12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.	
Open Discussion (continued)	A draft of a letter to NYSDOH Commissioner Dr. McDonald from the EICC was created and read. A motion to send the letter was made by Amy DeVito and second by Brigitte Desport. Twelve (12) voted in favor, none opposed, and three (3) abstained. The motion to send the letter passed.	
Report of Task Force Activities (continued) <i>Rate Setting Methodology Task Force Update</i>	Steve Held, Vice Chair, provided an update on the Rate Setting Methodology Task Force provided Rate Setting Methodology Task Force updates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force updates will be given at the December 14, 2023 meeting
Report of Additional Department Activities <i>EI-Hub Update</i>	Rob Lillpopp, Paul Ross, Paula Van Meter, and Lauren Zelinsky from PCG, provided an update on the EI Hub.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the EI-Hub will be given at the December 14, 2023 meeting
Future Agenda Items	No agenda items were suggested by EICC members for future EICC meetings	
Public Comment	Diane Ginsburg read a public comment submitted to BEI by Angela Rea, parent of a child who has used EI and CPSE services.	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned by Steve Held at 2:36 p.m.	