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# Provider Workforce Capacity Task Force Update

EICC Meeting  
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## Task Force Members

- **Chairperson:** Linda Rennie and Marina Yoegel
- **Parents:** Leah Esther Lax, Amy DeVito, Talina Jones
- **Providers:** Steve Held
- **Muni Rep:** Heidi Bond
- **State Agency:** Nora Yates
- **Managed Care Rep:** Cheryl Hogan
- **DOH Staff:** Constance Donohue, Peter Baran, Katie Reksc (support), Dawn Smith (support)
- **Advisors:** Lidiya Lednyak (NYC EI), Roxana Inscho (Monroe EI), Lynn Shea (EICC Member, Provider), Karen Edwards (EICC Member)



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## Original Task Force Proposed Charter

**Charge:** To develop recommendations for the Department to increase provider workforce capacity to deliver EI services to eligible children with developmental delays or disabilities and their families. The objective is to improve timeliness of EI service delivery for children and families participating in the Early Intervention Program.



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## Recommendations from Year 1 of the Task Force to NY State EICC

1. Recommend to reduce 1,600 hour requirement by 1/3 to 1,000 hours
  - Move this recommendation forward to Regulatory Change status, as this motion was passed at the June 10, 2020 SEICC meeting
  - Training details for 1,000 clock hours to be developed as Regulatory change moves forward.
2. Recommend NY State consider rates:
  - For service delivery methods to address capacity in underserved areas, including telehealth



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## Update to Recommendations

- Proposed regulatory change was moved forward for approval to reduce 1,600 hour requirement by 1/3 to 1,000 hours at the June 2020 EICC meeting
- Established subgroups within the Task Force to participate in the general Task Force meetings with a focus on Telehealth and training – Foundational Core Competencies
- Targeted restructure of cost neutral reform to address equity and capacity in underserved areas



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## Updates Since June 2020 EICC Meeting

### Telehealth:

- The BEI has disseminated sample surveys to the Task Force members for review and comment; due to the BEI by December 10<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- The BEI will review and compile all of the feedback to present to the Task Force at the January 2021 meeting.

### Training – Foundational Core Competencies:

- BEI disseminated Foundational Core Competencies to the Task Force members for review and comment; due back to the BEI by January 11, 2021.
- Comments, edits will be discussed at February 2021 Task Force meeting.



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## Next Steps

- Task Force will continue with monthly calls, alternating months to work on Telehealth and Training – Foundational Core Competencies
- Discussion on targeted restructure – cost neutral reform



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## Questions



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