



NEW YORK CITY EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL (LEICC)
MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2011

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION
Meeting convened at 10:10 AM	The following members were present: >Marie B. Casalino, Assistant Commissioner >Linda Silver, LEICC Chair >Tracy Agerton >Charles Barrios >Susan Pasternak-Chinitz >Frank Cresciullo >Nina Lublin >Molly Nozyce >Peter Pierri >Ellen Rautenberg >Jodie Roure >Marilyn Rubinstein >Barbara Schwartz >Julia Travers



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<p><u>PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS</u> –</p>	<p>Linda Silver, Chairperson, LEICC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions• Review of agenda• Minutes from December 2010 meeting which were sent to all Council members electronically were reviewed. Council members approved adoption of the minutes as amended. <p>Marie B. Casalino, Assistant Commissioner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Policies and Procedures<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ All new/revised Policies and Procedures are distributed to LEICC members and members of the Provider Consortium for review and comment prior to finalizing○ Since the last meeting, two (2) new chapters were posted on the NYC Bureau of Early Intervention’s (NYC BEI) website○ Within the next quarter, chapters on Transition and Eligibility will be distributed for review and comment• Provider Meetings with NYC BEI leadership are continuing<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ As of the afternoon of this meeting, 27 meetings will have taken place



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The meetings were initiated with the ten (10) largest agencies and progressed to include others ● Learning Collaborative<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Training being provided by Dr. Bonnie Keilty○ NYC BEI is simultaneously aligning authorizations with the Embedded Coaching approach to service delivery○ Moving the initiative forward by involving the LEICC and the Task Force○ Bonnie Keilty, Director, Program Development, gave updates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Positive feedback – trained more than 400 participants<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 368 service coordinators and supervisors● 26 agencies● 39 administrators● 6 Early Intervention provider agencies with clinical supervision ● Technical Assistance – Evaluations Standards Unit (ESU)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ESU one-to-one technical assistance to agencies is continuing○ Based on the necessary time and personnel commitment, the NYC BEI is exploring other options for this process, such as Webinars ● NYEIS Transition<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Proposed NYC launch is scheduled for July 2011○ NYEIS has been rolled out in a number of other counties upstate○ NYC BEI created a Provider Advisory Committee as a subcommittee of the LEICC○ New York State Department of Health (SDOH) has asked for feedback from NYC BEI via conference calls and videoconference○ NYC is using ARRA (Federal Stimulus dollars) to hire consultants○ Nora Puffett, Director of Administration and Data Management, gave updates:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Most of the state has rolled out NYEIS, NYC BEI is working in a test “sandbox” environment to see how NYEIS will work for Regional Offices and providers▪ Each borough office will roll out in 2-week increments▪ Training will be provided two (2) weeks prior to roll out▪ 800 slots are available for providers and they should determine who will be attending▪ NYC BEI has been releasing bulletins for providers, explaining each stage of the NYEIS process (available on NYC BEI website)▪ NYEIS is accessed through SDOH’s Health Commerce System (HCS) website▪ NYC BEI is accepting feedback from the LEICC and providers▪ NYEIS is a better and more comprehensive data management system than KIDS, specifically regarding financials (Medicaid, non-Medicaid, managed care and private insurance) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Collaborating with LEICC Data Committee to standardize the reports○ Going green – paperwork will be sent out electronically for all future LEICC meetings○ Prepare a mailing list of providers○ Reports will be posted on NYC BEI’s website prior to LEICC meetings for review○ Nora Puffett, Director of Administration and Data Management - Update:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reports are consistent: numbers and percentages are verified▪ Fiscal year – partial data shows slight increase in FY’ 10▪ At the request of several LEICC members, several areas within the report will be removed▪ Noted that the 2014 Request For Proposal (RFP) for Early Intervention (EI) services will ask applicants questions about specialty services, language capacity, and sub-contactors
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- New York State Early Intervention Coordinating Council (SEICC)
 - Last meeting was held on March 10, 2011
 - Reviewed Task Force reports
 - Reimbursement Advisory Panel (RAP) update
 - ARRA funding
 - Proposed regulations
 - Billing in 15 minute increments
 - Service Coordination will be paid utilizing a fixed rate methodology
 - If adopted:
 - March 31, 2011 to October 1, 2011 – Service Coordination
 - July 1, 2011 – Billing
 - Public comment per SDOH

- Reimbursement Advisory Panel (RAP)
 - Since meeting on January 20, 2011, consultants are working with SDOH
 - Discussion on Service Coordination Reimbursement Methodology
 - Paying by event
 - Initial Service Coordination
 - Referral only
 - Referral to evaluation
 - Referral to IFSP
 - On-going Service Coordination – service rate by month with increase for transition activities

- Provider Cost Reports - SDOH
 - Goal for SDOH and consultants is to capture revenue and cost information from provider community
 - Review data with better understanding of EI costs



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- Finance
 - Rickey Kennedy spoke on behalf of Assunta (Sandy) Rozza:
 - Provider training held on March 1, 2011 – NYC BEI received positive feedback
 - Providers given the opportunity to speak and share their input
 - Currently reviewing proposed policies and spoke of forthcoming changes
 - Addressed several concerns NYC BEI received during this process
 - Last week, Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) conducted a webinar
 - At present, status quo in all areas
- Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG)
 - Webinar was conducted by the Inspector General regarding Medicaid, key issues and provider issues
 - CPT-9 Code/ICD9 crosswalk is coming out in the near future
- NYC BEI Local Determinations
 - Review local determination from SDOH
 - 2004 re-authorization by SDOH
 - Municipalities are required to engage the LEICC in review of local determination findings
 - NYC BEI specific findings – July 2008 to July 2009
 - Performance standard is 100% compliance
 - IFSP within 45 days from July 2008 to July 2009, city at 75.2% and state at 85.4%
 - 30 days – city and state at 78%
 - Exiting with documented transition, city at 95.3% and state at 94%
 - Part B with school, city at 66.4% and state at 74%
 - Timely conference, city at 40% and state at 61%
 - Next steps – Transition committee to finalize the Transition chapter; NYC BEI



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	<p align="center">continue 45-day timeliness activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legislative Issues<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rate changes will be retroactive effective April 1, 2011○ Governor’s budget - 5% reduction for all rates○ SDOH has not released final rates; NYC BEI will distribute rates upon receipt○ Insurance mandate for commercial services are not included in the final budget. NYC BEI will continue to seek this information from SDOH • LEICC membership<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ New Operating Principles○ Some members will remain on Council due to interest and others will remain on Council in order to ensure that particular communities are represented○ NYC BEI will request cover letters and resumes from candidates interested in being considered for LEICC membership○ The next LEICC meeting will be on July 19, 2011. The meeting venue will be at the NYC Department of Health’s new offices located in Gotham Center in Long Island City (Queens), New York. The meeting notification will provide all details.
<p><u>LEICC GROUP DISCUSSION</u></p>	<p>LEICC Group Discussion</p> <p>Linda Silver, Chairperson, LEICC asked the panel to address concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Molly Nozyce<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Learning Collaborative:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Suggested program outcome measures be in place prior to start of program○ Dr. Keilty explained the evaluation of the interventionist learning collaborative will assess whether participants have the support



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">o necessary to master the embedded coaching approach▪ Data:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Requested that referral source chart be dropped from the data report - Ms. Puffett agreedo Suggested exploration of a system to evaluate services▪ OMIG:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Dr. Casalino will share updated information with the panelo Nina Lublin<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Learning Collaborative:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Expressed confusion with regard to which attachments were distributed to administrators and service coordinatorso Dr. Keilty clarified that EIODs have been trained on how to use embedded coaching principles when talking with families▪ Data:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Commented on services received, referrals, authorizations, start dates, wait lists, shifting services (X times a month) and feels the provider is being set up for failureo Ms. Puffett stated NYC BEI will be using a new analysis to help with the transition▪ Local Determinations<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Findings were questioned. Stated that skepticism exists in the community regarding the methodology for measuring performanceo Indicated there was an issue with the timeliness of IFSP indicatorso 2009-2010 information was not ready and SDOH was behind with publishing▪ Transition:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Pleased that system is changing because of its complexity
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COMMITTEE REPORT

- Interested in IEP and training for providers
- Linda Silver
 - Learning Collaborative:
 - Addressed evaluation data measures
 - Dr. Keilty stated there is no data yet
 - NYEIS:
 - Questioned if the system will only be used for new children coming into the EI system
 - Ms. Puffett stated they are working with SDOH to make changes for the June launch
 - Questioned the Transition report (See Marilyn’s discussion on page 10)
 - Provider report:
 - Historical perspective for 0 to 3 issues for children with special needs
 - EI looks different now and has evolved since its inception, see correspondence from Brad Hutton of SDOH
 - 2011 landscape is completely different and will impact provider’s ability to continue services
 - Governor’s budget proposed a rate cut of between 5% to 10%
 - Questions about the 15 minute billing rate – rate is unclear
 - There are two (2) types of rates: basic for less than 59 minutes and enhanced for more than 60 minutes
 - Major concern: transition and 15 minutes billing
 - Rate change implemented on April 1, 2011
 - Every provider to follow Medicaid standards to avoid audits
 - What can providers do?
 - SDOH proposed regulations do not require a public hearing and SDOH is accepting written comments
 - Demand a public hearing with Brad Hutton
 - Suggestion to providers: write to SDOH/Brad Hutton



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Casalino stated NYC BEI is vigorously pursuing actions to require commercial insurance reimbursement for services.○ Peter Pierri<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Learning Collaborative:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Family feedback should be received sooner rather than later and is helpful to the service provider▪ SEICC:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Charts show equalization rates in the 1980's with slight decrease between a \$1 or \$2○ Concern with the 5% decrease - not a silver lining and agrees with Linda Silver○ Concern about diminishing access due to the cumulative decrease○ Impact on the providers creates hostile work environments○ Cost report – will be required by SDOH and will be a test for collecting information○ Marilyn Rubenstein<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Learning Collaborative:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Funded with ARRA dollars. What is the plan moving forward?○ Dr. Casalino explained the program will extend beyond the ARRA fund in September 2011▪ Transition Report:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ On the committee, assisting BEI with revising the manual○ Addressed challenges and issues – committee working on second draft○ Biggest challenge is understanding the system and committee is revisiting the system○ New IEP form being created○ DOE working on revision of preschool manual○ Issue: no training for new service coordinators, contract ended in September 2010
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Workgroup considering need to train providers and CPSE providers○ Workgroup discussed potential meet and greet for EIOD and CPSE○ Working on family-friendly documents○ Focus: need for training of service coordinators on responsibilities in assisting families with transition○ Review availability of services○ Use of web based systems to provide the public with current information○ Review NYC BEI policy - service coordinators can support family and prepare paperwork○ Next Transition Committee meeting scheduled in the beginning of May 2011▪ Data:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Questioned the number of providers in contract: how many will end EI services and how many will provide partial services?○ How far in advance do providers need to contact NYC BEI before they discontinue services?○ Dr. Casalino stated we have approximately 110 providers<ul style="list-style-type: none">● They've been able to absorb the children from providers that have closed● Review the number of children to be serviced● Review the types of services that agencies are providing● Review citywide impact whenever an agency closes● Review specific providers to consider children's needs○ Frank Cresciullo<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Several agencies offer both child and adult care but do not have the flexibility to bring on EI providers○ Julia Travers
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Learning Collaborative:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Suggested speaking with parents and distributing information within the child care community○ Jodie Roure<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Learning Collaborative:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Questioned what processes are in place for families to provide feedback○ Ellen Rautenberg<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ NYEIS Committee Chair<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Her staff is addressing issues from the providers within her community○ Concerned that there are gaps in service and provider agency closings○ Ms. Puffett stated they are paying attention to the needs of both large and small agencies in implementing NYEIS○ Ms. Puffett stated they will do more in-depth analysis of the impact of agency closings▪ Data:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Reassured panel they are reaching the most disadvantaged children○ Outreach is not a problem○ Data reports will be available for review every quarter▪ Provider report:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Group in Albany has concerns with the rates○ Decentralization Advocacy efforts related to direct provider billing of Medicaid for large providers (received over \$500,000 in Medicaid revenue in the prior year) and opposing the rate reduction○ Can anyone get paid for travel time?
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<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u></p> <p>MEETING ADJOURNED 12:04 PM</p>	<p>Esther Lax – Parent member and SEICC Linda Salmon – EI Provider</p>