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Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council Minutes

Meeting Date/Time:	November 11, 2022, 10:00 am	
Attendees/Title:		
Amanda Walsh, EIOD, DCPH	Christina Gardner, Accounting Supervisor, DCPH	
Kyra Shew, EIOD/Preschool Coordinator, DCPH	Seana Haskin, SC, DCPH	
Rene Stratton, SC, DCPH	Melissa Thomas, SC, DCPH	
Jacqueline Vernold, Senior Account Clerk, DCPH	Juliette Wentworth, Southern Tier Connect, Intake/Eligible Coordinator	
Beth Kurkowski, STIC/FACE	Stephanie Hulbert, CSE Chairperson/ Sidney School	
Jennifer Johnson, Southern Tier Connect, Intake/Eligible Coordinator	Karen Roseman, Early Childhood & Community Engagement Center/ Professional Development Specialist	

Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
Call to Order/ Introductions:	Zoom meeting opened By Amanda Walsh, EIO. Introductions were made.	
Approval of Minutes:	The June 15 th , 2022, minutes were approved as written.	
EI to CPSE Transition Overview:	<p>Guest Speaker- Karen Rosema, Professional Development Specialist of Early Childhood & Community Engagement Center, provided an overview of EI to CPSE transition.</p> <p>A transition plan from EI to CPSE includes CPSE notification, Transition conference, referral to CPSE, transmittal of child records and an initial CPSE meeting. CPSE eligibility is determined at the initial CPSE meeting. If a child is eligible for CPSE services, they can continue with EI services beyond their third birthday, but a child cannot receive both EI and CPSE services at the same time.</p>	

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Action:	<p>Some key similarities of EI and the preschool program include both programs being at no cost and completely voluntary. Parents are actively involved throughout the whole process and evaluations are held to address all areas of development. In contrast, EI services are home-based, and preschool services can be provided in the home, daycare or preschool setting and are education based. EI is a year-round program with 6-month evaluations while the preschool special education program is a 10-month program with evaluations annually.</p> <p>Questions: Amanda Walsh inquired, when a family is referred to EC-FACE for trainings, how long does this take to implement? Karen replied, usually family trainings happen at night, they are relatively quick and easy to set up.</p> <p>Juliette Wentworth asked if FACE offers education advocacy after EI. Karen mentioned at this time the FACE center does not offer advocacy, but STIC does have an advocate on staff.</p> <p>Karen also indicated that they have a new parent training called positive solutions; a seven-module parent training for ages birth to 3rd grade to promote social and emotional development, with an IEP workshop included. Karen also mentioned that their agency offers at least one regional workshop a month.</p>	<p>EI Realm: Amanda Walsh brought to attention the 1% rate increase for all EI providers, including service coordination, evaluation and general therapy services. This rate adjustment will be retroactive starting from April 1st, 2022. November 9th, there will be a retroactive Medicaid payment.</p> <p>EI Hub: There is still no official release date. EI Hub trainings are still available. Amanda encouraged providers to set up a user ID and password if it has not been completed yet.</p> <p>EI Statewide Conference: From 2018 to present, EI is down approximately 1800 providers in New York State, 1000 of those providers are full time. BEI announced an EI provider promotion campaign to assist with the current provider shortage. The campaign will include social media along with local advertising and national advertising in nation journals. They are hoping to recruit, audiologists,</p>



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	behavior analysts, mental health providers, nurses, dietitians, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech pathologists, speech therapists, social workers and teachers.	
EI Service Report:	There are currently 59 children enrolled in EI, with 3 waiting for special instructions, 1 waiting for speech, 1 waiting for physical therapy and 15 MDE's in process. Currently, a lot of speech therapy services are conducted virtually. New York State does recognize a statewide lack of providers. Delaware County Public Health (DCPH) has a full time speech pathologist and part time occupational therapist position that have both been vacant since 2021. DCPH continues to actively recruit.	
Sharing and Discussion:	<p>Post Covid, there continues to be a back log of evaluation services. Unfortunately, Delaware County has no EI evaluators within its county borders. This has made obtaining evaluations more complex due to issues with transportation and virtual evaluations.</p> <p>Karen will be providing her presentation information for everyone. We will also provide the link to EI Hub, for anyone who needs to create a user ID.</p>	
Meeting Adjourned at: 10:46 am		

Respectfully Submitted By,

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