

**New York State Early Intervention Coordinating Council  
 Provider Workforce Capacity and Rate Setting Methodology Task Forces Meeting  
 Minutes – March 12, 2025 1:30pm-3:30pm**

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<p><b>Welcome</b></p>	<p>The following task force members and advisors attended the meeting. P= Provider Workforce Capacity task force member, R= Rate Setting Methodology task force member</p> <p>X= Present</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="394 337 1682 716"> <tr> <td>--</td> <td>Heidi Bond (municipal representative) P, R</td> <td>X</td> <td>Leah Esther Lax (parent member) P, R (NYC)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>--</td> <td>Joy Connolly (state agency) P</td> <td>X</td> <td>Lidiya Lednyak (co-chair &amp; Municipal Representative) P, R (NYC)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X</td> <td>Brigitte Desport (Personnel preparation or Training) P, R (NYC)</td> <td>--</td> <td>Lynn Shea (discretionary seat/provider) P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>--</td> <td>Amy DeVito (parent member) P, R</td> <td>--</td> <td>Robin Stegman (provider) P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X</td> <td>Steve Held (provider representative) P, R (NYC)</td> <td>X</td> <td>Marina Yoegel (co-chair &amp; municipal representative) P,R (NYC)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>X</td> <td>Roxana Inscho (Advisor) P (Rochester)</td> <td>—</td> <td>Patricia Zuber-Wilson (State Agency) P</td> </tr> <tr> <td>--</td> <td>Bonnie Catlin (state agency) R</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Department of Health staff present: Peter Baran, Diane Ginsburg, Deborah Gutierrez, Mike Iorio, Kelli Lyndaker, Ken Moehringer, Raymond Pierce, Shu-kung Tai (Westchester).</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>				--	Heidi Bond (municipal representative) P, R	X	Leah Esther Lax (parent member) P, R (NYC)	--	Joy Connolly (state agency) P	X	Lidiya Lednyak (co-chair & Municipal Representative) P, R (NYC)	X	Brigitte Desport (Personnel preparation or Training) P, R (NYC)	--	Lynn Shea (discretionary seat/provider) P	--	Amy DeVito (parent member) P, R	--	Robin Stegman (provider) P	X	Steve Held (provider representative) P, R (NYC)	X	Marina Yoegel (co-chair & municipal representative) P,R (NYC)	X	Roxana Inscho (Advisor) P (Rochester)	—	Patricia Zuber-Wilson (State Agency) P	--	Bonnie Catlin (state agency) R			
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<p><b>Task Force Update</b></p>	<p>Meeting convened at 1:35pm.</p> <p><b>Provider Workforce Capacity 1:30pm-2:30pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Progress – Bureau- State Education Department engagement discussion outlined in the Council Proposed Engagement Letter September 12, 2024.</li> <li>2. Bureau update/progress - implementation- Academic program Approval Process.</li> <li>3. Registered Behavioral Technician (RBT)- Next Steps. <i>The supervision of RBTs will be a large consideration. Feedback from three (3) programs that use RBTs were received. Lidiya Lednyak will recirculate the RBT chart she created.</i></li> </ol>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After internal approval of the letter has been completed, BEI will send it to the State Education Department and copy the Council and task force chairs.</li> <li>• Academic Program documents under review by legal.</li> <li>• BEI will reach out to the NYS Applied Behavior Analyst Association for documentation about RBT responsibilities, and to review documents</li> </ul>																												

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	<p>4. Modification to transition requirements to support service capacity. <i>When children reach their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, they should be transitioning to preschool services. Not all children qualify for preschool services after EI. For those who are eligible, they should transition.</i></p> <p><b>Rate Setting Methodology 2:30pm-3:30pm</b></p> <p>1. Distribute and discuss the Medicaid Reimbursement Rate for Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy/Speech, and Service Coordination for Medicaid services delivered in NYS outside of the Early Intervention (EI) program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Are these rates coupled with utilization limits.</li> <li>b. How feasible would it be to regulate and standardize EI utilization.</li> </ol> <p>2. Where are we with the 5% retroactive rates.</p> <p>3. On April 1, 2025, a 4% increase for underserved areas (work completed previously) must be calculated. What amount of money does this 4% represent.</p> <p>4. Discuss a new motion for the release of the Covered Lives monies that have not been distributed.</p> <p>5. Discussion about two-level rate reduction in teletherapy.</p> <p><i>The task force will send a description of the methodology proposed for analysis of age out to estimate how much capacity would be created.</i></p> <p><i>The task force will send an estimated cost on the Part B of IDEA (preschool special education services)..</i></p>	<p>from the task force for comments and concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task force will send specific data requests to BEI for analysis.</li> <li>• BEI will send rate schedule for Medicaid reimbursement for Occupational, Physical, and Speech Therapies to the task force.</li> <li>• BEI will resend initial and ongoing flat fees to task force.</li> <li>• BEI will resend proposed approach for capitation of service coordination.</li> </ul>
<b>Future Agenda Items</b>	<p>Agenda items suggested by task force members for future task force meetings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new items</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned by Lidiya Lednyak.</p>	