

OSC Admin Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 5th, 2012
CAFL

Announcements:

- CAFL has hired new SLP, bilingual and feeding and swallowing experience. Beginning 7/9/12, city territory (Rosa Vargas)
- RCN new exec director, Noreen Boje
- FRC keeping transition cases, working on dispersing others. Becca, Lynn, Desiree and Renee working until 8/31

County Conference call:

- New version of NYEIS (1.6) installed
- Brenda Knudson-Chouffi and Donna Noyes new co-directors of BEI
- All providers/disciplines without NPIs will need to obtain NPI numbers by 6/30/12. Complete online, it's faster. BEI sent out directions this morning.
- State budget changes: securing the state fiscal agent a priority, need by 1/1/13. Hope to get procurement process underway almost immediately. Will work closely with NYSACHO committee & EICC on scope of practice of the fiscal agent.
- Provider agreements –will provide guidance on this. Looking to “grandparent” in those we already have contracts with. Continues to give counties an oversight role- child find, evals, authorization of IFSP, monitoring implementation of IFSP; SC will be required to give us info on IFSP; gives counties explicit authority to monitor providers. Q- What does monitoring providers mean? A- Responsible for convening IFSP meetings and authorizing services within the IFSP. NYSDOH BEI will continue to monitor at state level using IPRO. Counties can continue to monitor those providers as well- we've always had the ability to audit. Now, counties have the authority to audit and monitor. What this statute puts in place is counties right to do this absence contractual authority.
- OPWDD referrals – BEI has met with the new Deputy Commissioner, Jerry Huber at OPWDD- he's interested in expanding the reach & scope of this agency to include younger children. Wants to fulfill intent of statute- if children are in or system and may be eligible for services through OPWDD that they get into this system as soon as possible. The state will have an interagency workgroup to work out this process. They're in the midst of major change with their waiver program so it's good “timing” to discuss how to include this change with those other changes. SC's, in conjunction with the evaluator, ID children who may be eligible for OPWDD services and with parent consent, notify the OPWDD. The state will issue guidance. “Early Touch, Light Touch”- OPWDD program. Q- Will they be addressing the on-going dilemma of 2 SC's working with the family, but only 1 being able to bill. (Care at Home waiver program)? A- State has been having conversations with the long-term care office regarding who should bill. Donna Noyes- this is an unrelated issue. Add as an agenda item to next call. Q- Is OPWDD planning to expand or clarify the list of who might be potentially

eligible? Will there be a wider definition of who's eligible? A- Don't know that eligibility requirements will change. Will be talking with them about it.

- No further info on serv. Coord. Rates. SC package in development.
- Respite allocation grant– same amount as last year. Looking into allowing ½ hour increments for respite (for NYEIS kids). Right now, only 1 hour increments can be entered.
- Will be decreasing funding for Admin Grant next year, but NYSDOH BEI does not know what methodology they will be using to determine how much/county.
- As of September 2012, agencies needed to be enrolled as Medicaid providers, please make sure you're agency is enrolled.
- Still working on determining how the flow of payments will be for NYEIS changes. While nothing was explicitly stated during the call, AMS recommended that agencies anticipate possible delays in reimbursement- based on experience to date.
- Request to extend Helpdesk hours. Discussed at the Independent Provider meeting. Will send around a petition for all providers to sign on if they are in support of extended hours for the HELP desk.
- Use of CPT codes in NYEIS for Sped, can use this or HICPIC code.

Provider Updates:

- Strong will continue to honor current authorizations that were issued up through 4/23/12. As long as IFSP was before 4/23/12. Best practice to call Kathy Purcell to check.
- Ruth Fried to Liberty Post as of 6/18/12
- Lynne Ciolek no longer doing EI after 8/31/12, just preschool
- BOCES 1 and 2; programs not implementing ratio changes just yet. But, BOCES 2 is offering fewer half day programs (only 3 instead of 7). Cathy Dewey Napier has notified OSCs to let them know if families have toured and BOCES 2 is not an option.
- FRC sending over cases to county. Request for another OSC agency will likely be coming in the near future.
- RCN - Michelle Streicher moving to full time in July.

No policy changes or updates!

Discussed OSC Manual section Program Overview and Resources

- Discussion of Challenging Behaviors Protocol and Resource List (in Policies and Procedures Common section of manual). If you need updated versions of any policies, please email Barbara or Deb respectively and request those.

OSC Quarterly – 7/19/12 @ 8:30am

- Discussing groups: what's offered and philosophy of...Renee will create survey to OSCs to get a sense of their knowledge of when and why to bring up a group option with parents

- Look at current Request for Change form and possibly incorporate some of these questions.

Questions:

1. What are the different types of groups available in EI and what is the purpose of each of these types of groups?
2. What do you think are a Service Coordinator's responsibilities regarding considering/discussing and/or pursuing group services for a child?
3. What questions do you have about groups and the process of requesting a group?
4. Describe how you as a service coordinator facilitate the discussion at an IFSP meeting regarding what the most appropriate services are for the child and the most appropriate setting for those services (e.g., group vs. home, vs. child care). Consider a time this went well and a time this has discussion has not gone well when responding.
5. On a scale of 1-5, 1 being least important and 5 being most important, how important do you feel the setting/environment is to a child's learning and development? What other factors do you consider when discussing the setting/environment for services?
6. Describe the process you follow to identify community groups (i.e., not a group offered through Early Intervention). Consider a time this went well and a time this has been challenging and for what reasons. If you've never pursued this, please let us know, including why- what are the barriers? What information do you need?
7. Describe your response/how you handle a situation when a provider says directly to you "this child should attend a group" and/or when a provider tells the parent "your child should attend group" before speaking with you as the Service Coordinator?
8. Is there a certain "type" of child and/or family that you typically consider for either a group developmental intervention or a Parent Child Group? Please indicate yes or no. If yes, please describe this "type".
9. Describe how you feel information regarding a child's development and progress in group be shared with the parent/caregiver and other members of the IFSP team?
10. Do you think any additional types of groups are needed in EI?

***Have OSCs respond to survey quickly (within 1 week) so we can discuss at next OSC Admin Mtg and via email ahead of time.

**Next Admin Meeting 7/10/12 at CFC Hart St.
8/7/10 at FRC Cotter Bldg.**