

Monroe County LEICC Meeting Notes
March 9, 2011

Rate Reductions

Impacts: If 10% cut Kirsh will no longer provide supplemental evals

- Delineate out ASD for specific information
- 4/9 agencies would **NOT** be able to provide EI with current proposal
- Reduce flexibility for families (↑ gas prices, ↑ # of children on caseloads)
- Agencies have already closed
- OT/PT will decrease (providers will leave EI)
- Families that have insurance will get services, those without will not
- 15 min change → therapy = 37% cut for basic rate

Actions:

- Mark Johns – A Fairport (Beth GL) \ **NEED** data, #'s
- Joe Morelle – A Irondequoit (Maryellen C) /
- Center for Disability Rights, UNYFEAT, Flower City Down Syndrome
- P2P
- Petitions for families at agencies
- Providers to hand deliver letter F2F

Restructure Billing Practices

Impact: Effect larger agencies the most

- Timeline between billing → getting paid will ↑ (impacts staff)

Action Steps:

- Sharon: on line petition templet
 - Letter and/or call
 - E-mail
 - Looking for search engine → petition/e-mail to A or L
 - # of children effected → delineate out → specifications \ **NEED**
 - **HOW** effected /
 - Media story on local EI family
 - Tiered approach to reach A & L
 - Agency/parent → news interview (Rachael Barnhard Ch 13)
 - Radio interviews (WCMF)
 - Facebook & Twitter Links
 - Transportation Costs – range & caps for bids
 - Links per zip code → names of A & L
 - 1400 in EI; 1800 in Preschool, currently 2011 (what is the increase in %)

Maximize Insurance Reimbursement

Impact: Restrictions

- Co-pays for families
- Insurance Comp. have lobbyists to fight challenges

Capitation of Service Coordination Rate (see amount allocated)

Impact: What is the rate?

- 10% cut, would result in closing of SC for some agencies
- 600+ children would not be served

Actions:

- OPWDD – sharing their experience with DOH
- Prefer fixed rate or capitated vs. billing rate

Cost Cutting

- See Independent Providers list of suggestions
- No dev groups where transportation is required
- Eliminate reimbursement for parent travel
- 3 is 3 (EI ends at 3)
- Parents to serve as SC (training provided)
- Duplication of service → cut (home & center)
- Screening prior to eval
- Parents must come in to complete 1st initial visit
- Primary Interventionist Model/Parent Training
- No show policy and/or charge
- Charge per visit (sliding fee)
- Cut or scale back respite → identify supports
- ↑ ABA aide rates → require agencies to use them → % of time
- Review policies/admin
- 6 months in between re-referrals → regulation