

**Monroe County Early Intervention Program
Providers in Partnership (PIP) Meeting
April 13, 2011**

Announcements / Sharing

- CAFL– Chrissy Watkins has been promoted to Assistant OSC Supervisor.
- PPTS – new OT – Colleen Varny
- CP R – interviewing for new preschool program
- County – Carina still out on medical leave
- ITG has been purchased by Liberty POST (Resources)

Agenda:

- NYEIS - Cannot submit billing for services rendered April 1 and after until the State gets the new rates inputted into NYEIS and KIDS systems. You can submit an invoice for children in KIDS to HEG by paper and they will hold the invoices until approved for payment. (the disk can't be submitted earlier)
- NYEIS Updates- Conference call with Kevin Thiesin from the State about the problems with inputting provider staff; the outcome was not helpful. They are “planning to meet” about this. If you are an independent provider your listed user registration name is your name you're your user role is Provider_All. If an agency contracts with an Independent provider, list that person as an employee on the User Registration list. (They will be able to view)
- Agencies- Add new employees to the user registration sheet and send it to Leisa Sabernick at the County lsabernick@monroecounty.gov She will complete a user reg for them. When an employee exits, contact CAMU so the HIN # can be closed and contact Leisa so she can close out that person as well.
- There are still some questions that are outstanding regarding providers who are both evaluator and provider of service as well as other providers that have multiple roles. Contact CMA to ask about which role that person should have. (Differentiate between NYSIIS and NYEIS) Please email Leisa to let her know also. This process is true for anyone with dual roles.
- Email LMS Net directly to be added to view tutorials.
- Leisa will be finished with making user role changes she has received to date by 4/27.

Evaluator process – Deb thanked CCHS and CAFL for assistance with writing out the process. A core eval and IFSP can be done at the same time, but all the MDE info must be entered and approved by the EIOD before the IFSP and SAs can be entered. The ISC needs a copy of the report in order to do that. Screening window needs to be completed as part of the MDE. Either print the MDE before it is sent or wait for EIOD approval. Once approved, the evaluator gets a notification. To check these, go to the child's home page. On the left nav bar there “notifications” is listed. If you accept, then an SA is created. Only the person who creates and invoice can submit the invoice. The evaluator must be assigned right away. The MDE report needs to be done prior to the scheduled IFSP.

The group was then split into evaluator and provider of service interest so that questions could be raised regarding the differences between the way processes may change in NYEIS vs. KIDS.

- **Updates-**
 - **Executive Budget/EICC meeting-** Rate of reduction may vary. Public Consulting Group is doing an analysis of costs taking a sample across the state to set the rates. There may be a difference due to transportation and wage equalization. Ann Marie spoke with the controller's office about paying providers an average. Although they did discuss and consider it, the county is not able to do that at this time. The state ensured Wayne Co. that they would meet the 3-5 week deadline. To check the assumptions made when rates were determined in '93 check EICC history.

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- April 13th- **Notice of Proposed Rule Making**
There will be no public forum held, but there is a 45 day comment period. The SC fixed rate is in effect 10/1 and the 15 min. billing increments is effective 7/1/11. The provider will have to work a full 45 min. in order to get the 3 units, which is the approximate reimbursement rate for a basic visit. Providers can bill for less than authorized, but not more.
- **EI All County Conference Call** – Child and Family Outcome data for EI – the state will hold a webinar regarding highlights. IPRO is now contacting families in advance of their visits. Issues regarding this- IPRO is going back too far in time and calling on weekends. They will not share the family name with providers either. Recommended that IPRO look at the FSS surveys. Please let your families know that they may be contacted. The state is reallocating some state ARRA funds. One project is to partner with the Advocacy Center to upgrade a website called EI Families.com. (Just Kids)
- **LEICC meeting** – next meeting is 4/27. Two reps from the State (Congresswoman Slaughter’s office & Assemblyman Johns office) will be in attendance and 2 county legislators, Cindy Kaleh and Carrie Andrews. Budget implications will be discussed. All are invited to attend. Ann Marie has encouraged the all providers to plan advocacy over the course of the year. 1) find out when EICC meets. 2) meet monthly with legislators 3) Participate in developing the community information forum (LEICC activity) and 4) Possibly distribute information through the revised EI website. Be pro-active. Some legislators have no knowledge of EI; share your experience with others so they know who has already been approached. Also suggested....Have a story and a picture of a child and give the legislator a specific idea as to what to do.
- **Provider Availability Grid** – Please utilize this. Contact Renee Schumacher at rschumac@hillside.com.
- **EI Medicaid Webinar** archive is available now. Agencies are required to become Med. providers as of Sept 1, 2010.
- **Preschool Updates**
 - Kinney- email reg. PT providers- please e-mail Denise Edelman at dedelman@monroecounty.gov and let her know if all of your PT’s attended CAPTE approved programs. If they did not, please let her know their name
 - New, universal IEP- end dates will be listed on the Student Information Summary form under “Summary- Special Ed Programs & Related Services” and providers will be listed on the same sheet under Meeting Information.
 - Clerk III, Debbie Schmale, retiring- interviewing now to fill the position.
 - Providers- Please send Transition Reports to the CPSE Chairs; some problems with Chairs not passing these on to the evaluation teams.
- **Supplemental evals** & ongoing eligibility for the EIP vs a service. Supplemental evaluations should be used to gather information, not to determine eligibility. Per regulations, the child is eligible for the Early Intervention Program, not a service. Please help your providers understand this. **Good** example from Cindy..... Don’t put an Eligibility Statement, just Recommendations... “It is recommended that XX receive services to address his oral motor delays for feeding. Due to sensory and texture preferences and his high activity level, an Occupational Therapist would be best to address his needs at this time.” An example of a **bad** recommendation... “XX is eligible to receive speech and language services...”

Other:

- The start date on the IEP should be the first day of school, even if that date is a Superintendent’s or conference day b/c it still counts toward the 180 days. The start date of services on the STAC should be the actual first date services can be provided. So, for example, if school starts 9/7 and that is a Superintendent’s Day, the start date on the IEP for services would be 9/7, but the start date on the STAC would be 9/8. Ann Marie clarified with NYSED.

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- Every summer IEP's and STACs are late; buses do not get set up in time. On IEP direct there is a form regarding transportation. Districts meet right up until July 1. Children who have August CPSE meetings can't start on the first day of school. Ann Marie confirmed that **both** IEP and STACs are needed, and convey this issue to the districts, asking if they can forward them to the bus companies. If the STAC is not submitted, then the information is not in the state ed and county systems. The provider's payment is unable to be processed until the STAC is received and the info entered into these systems.
- Related to Kinney. There are no certificate #'s in Ksystems for SLP's. Ann Marie contacted Kinney and e-mailed response to Cindy Toleman.
- Cindy Mizerny brought up the issue of providers' level of comfort in some home settings. She would like to facilitate further discussion with a future presentation. Please see her if you are interested in contributing to the planning.
- The county would like to purchase assessment tools for eval teams. An email went out; please respond asap. A list of the suggested tools for Social-Emotional assessment will be sent again. BG sent.

Next Meeting: Wed, May 18th, 1:30-4:30pm, location TBD. Can anyone host PIP during this timeframe? CCHS and CFC to check.