

CSB Attendees: Cheryelle Cruickshank, Edie Weber, Joanne Siegel,

DOHMH Staff: Marnie Davidoff, Reyana McKenzie, Anika Kalra, Elena Pereira, Sarah Levine

Action items:

- Members will focus on early Intervention, and transitions as areas for further discussions and development.
- Nonmandated Meeting will begin December 2024

Call to Order: 2pm

Meeting Resolution: No resolution was brought up for a vote at this meeting.

Member updates

Joanne Siegel-

Montefiore Medical is participating in a grant from NYS Council on Developmental Disabilities to CHS a nonprofit outside of NYS to identify strengths, needs, and strategies to improve services and support for individuals with developmental disabilities in the Bronx and Chautauqua County. These are two of counties with the most poverty within NYS one being urban and the other rural. Their work will not be limited to housing but broad service needs.

Cheryelle Cruickshank

IncludeNYC recently hosted two "College is Possible" events, one tailored for youth with high school diplomas and the other for those without. Organization also received a five-year grant to be the designated Parent center. Their work will include working with underperforming schools, training families how to advocate for their rights appropriately, and collaborating with hospitals on how to engage parents.

They are also responding to growing concerns about mental health, EI, and immigration, as many immigrant families face heightened anxiety around deportation, especially after elections.

On February 1, 2025, IncludeNYC will hold its NYC fair at The Shed at Hudson Yard with the expected participation of about 1000 persons including families and CBOs.

Discussion Item: Early Intervention (EI)

Members shared the following challenges:

- Montefiore Medical is currently facing a two-year waitlist for Early Intervention (EI) services.
- Physicians do not always know where to refer children if they suspect developmental delays.
- Because of a lack of center-based service, families have fewer opportunities to connect with each other to share recommendations for services.
- Pre-schools are seeing an increasing number of children with no EI services.
- There has been chronic underinvestment in the EI system for decades
- EI evaluations may not be available in the language spoken at home
- Lack of specialized workforce
- Reduction in the number of EI offices in the community.



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Resumption of Nonmandated Monthly Meetings.

Nonmandated monthly meetings will resume December 2024.

Membership Update.

The committee has six active members. Two candidates are currently going through the vetting process with one vacancy remaining on the subcommittee. The intent is for it to be filled by a self-advocate.

Additional comments and wrap up

- Reyana to share links to DOHMH EI site, including the link to the EI referral form.
- Bureau will continue to have discussions with EI to get a better understand the current systems and existing gaps, and possibility of EI representative attending the next CSBs subcommittee meeting.
- Flag AHRC Pathways to Justice survey on Disability Response Teams (DRTs) for colleagues focused on justice related work
- DOHMH will promote Include NYC Resource Fair internally to staff who may be interested in attending.

Meeting adjourned: 3:30pm