



Family Health Committee Meeting Notes

July 14th, 2026 – 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Committee Chairs – Stephen Jennings & Lidiya Lednyak

Staff Liaison – Grace Dawson

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome/Introductions	The meeting was facilitated by Grace Dawson, with co-chairs Stephen Jennings and Lidiya Lednyak. Grace Dawson opened the meeting and transitioned immediately into advocacy updates.
Advocacy Updates	El Hub Technical Issues: The survey regarding Early Intervention (EI) Hub technical issues is now closed. Results are being organized for submission to the Bureau of Early Intervention (BEI) and for use in targeted legislative advocacy. 4410 and EI Budgets: A new survey is active to collect data on the cost burdens of 4410 and EI programs on Local Health Departments. The goal is to identify unique approaches to address these costs, including transportation expenses. One response per county is requested. Children's Agenda Fact Sheets: The Children's Agenda is releasing county-level fact sheets regarding Early Intervention rates and workforce issues. NYSACHO was not involved in their development and has expressed concerns regarding the methodology used to pull the data (based on FOIL requests). Members are advised to review these documents and prepare talking points for local officials and media.
Dental Therapy Partnership	Project Overview: Schuyler Center provided an update on the Oral Health Project. The project has produced two reports containing 54 recommendations to improve oral health access. Teledentistry: A partner organization, Health Efficient, secured a grant from the New York State Health Foundation to launch a teledentistry learning collaborative. This will provide training on implementation, billing, coding, and clinical documentation. IDD Population: A consortium has applied for a CareQuest grant to address oral health needs for the IDD (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) population. Dental Therapy Advocacy: The campaign to authorize dental therapists in New York continues. Dental therapists are licensed professionals working under a collaborative agreement with a dentist. They provide both preventive and routine treatment (e.g., fillings, extractions) and can practice in non-office settings (nursing homes, daycares, etc.). Next Steps: A webinar on dental therapy education is scheduled for the upcoming Monday. The committee will revisit the proposal to support this effort in August, allowing members time to review the proposed legislative language and address questions regarding insurance coverage and state plan amendments.



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Speech Language Pathologists Experience Requirements Proposed Updates	Proposed Updates: There is a proposed regulation change to align New York's SLP experience requirements with national standards. The committee is considering supporting this change, as it is expected to reduce barriers and increase the workforce.
CPSE Record Retention	Digitization: Discussion occurred regarding the digitization and retention of CPSE (Committee on Preschool Special Education) fiscal and clinical records. Best Practices: Counties are in various stages of moving toward paperless systems (e.g., Laserfiche, OnBase). Members discussed the importance of establishing formal records management processes that include automated purging schedules and ensuring exit plans exist for contracts with electronic record vendors to avoid data lock-in.
Open Discussion	None.
Closing	The next Family Health Committee will be held virtually on Tuesday, August 11 th , 2026 at 11:00am.



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