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Family Health Committee Meeting Notes
October 13th, 2026 – 11:00am to 12:00pm

Committee Chairs – Stephen Jennings & Lidiya Lednyak
Staff Liaison – Grace Dawson

Agenda Item	Discussion
Welcome and Introductions	
Advocacy Updates	**Early Intervention (EI) Hub:** NYSACHO provided feedback to the Bureau of Early Intervention (BEI) and PCG regarding the EI Hub, incorporating data from a July survey. A report has been shared with BEI, and further feedback regarding consolidation requests is pending. **NYSAC Resolutions:** All NYSACHO-submitted resolutions (EI Workforce, Medicaid retroactive payments, and 4410 transportation) were adopted. The 4410 transportation resolution was highlighted as an executive-level priority, and a specific survey regarding this issue is currently circulating. **Conference Presentation:** A presentation on EI outcomes and fiscal/workforce barriers was well-received at the NYSAC conference. The NYSAC policy team has requested a webinar recording of the session for broader distribution.
MCH Workgroup	**Recent/Upcoming Presentations:** Essex County presented on home visiting for incarcerated mothers (slides and recording available). Upcoming presentations include Jefferson County (Oct 21), PISH (Nov 18), and Livingston County (Dec 15). **Strategic Planning:** Discussions are underway regarding the potential merger of the MCH workgroup with the full Family Health Committee by 2027.
Nurse Family Partnership Billing	**Proposed Expansion:** The committee voted unanimously to support expanding NFP eligibility and billing. Key goals include removing county-specific restrictions and expanding eligibility to any pregnant person through the third trimester, rather than limiting it to first-time parents. **Next Steps:** Lidiya Lednyak will provide an overview for membership to advance this initiative formally with the State Department of Health.
Early Intervention	**Immunization Discrepancies:** A significant issue was raised regarding the lack of consistent immunization requirements between EI group settings and 4410 center-based programs. • *Discussion:* Members noted that while EI home-based services do not mandate immunizations, congregate settings often do, creating barriers for families transitioning to CPSE. • *Action:* The committee plans to engage the State Department of Health to advocate for alignment in health and safety guidelines, citing public health concerns like measles outbreaks. **Insurance Collection:** Counties reported difficulty obtaining insurance information for non-eligible children, which impacts billing for initial Multidisciplinary Evaluations (MDE). • *Workarounds:* Some counties use DocuSign/HelloSign to secure consent or require insurance information before processing MDE requests. • *Systemic Concerns:* Members expressed frustration that the current EI Hub lacks necessary checks (e.g., mandatory end dates, validation of insurance formats). There was

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	a consensus that PCG should be held accountable for revenue maximization and accurate reporting. • *Next Steps:* A working session for county representatives will be held during the fiscal workgroup call on October 27th to draft a formal position statement regarding these fiscal and systemic challenges.
Open Discussion	N/A
Closing	The next Family Health Committee will be held virtually on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 at 11:00am.

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