

Employers, Health Plans & Families Caring for CSHCN: Identifying the Points of Connection

1:00-1:05 p.m.	Welcome & Introductions	<i>Susan Epstein, Chair</i>
1:05-1:15 p.m.	Announcement: New Grant to Mass Family Voices@ Federation for Children with Special Needs Family-to-Family Health Information and Education Center	<i>Beth Dworetzky, Mass Family Voices @ FCSN</i>
Information		
1:15-1:45 p.m.	Directions: Resources for Your Child's Care An update from DPH and the Alliance for Health Care Improvement on a new manual designed to help families and providers improve care and communication. Learn how health plans and providers are collaborating to share best practice information with families. Directions Flyer Directions Order Form Q & A: • <i>What's in it for families?</i> • <i>What's in it for health plans? and providers?</i> • <i>How will DPH and the Alliance health plans distribute Directions to families and physicians, and what suggestions do others have about distribution?</i>	<i>Rebecca Feinstein Winitzer, MA Dept. of Public Health</i> <i>Barry Zallen, MD, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA</i> <i>Beth Dworetzky, Mass Family Voices@ FCSN</i>
Education		
1:45-2:45 p.m.	CSHCN & the Workplace: What's the Connection? A report from the Employee Benefits Project on building partnerships with employers. Learn how a large employer and their Work-Life vendor are working to maximize supports in the workplace for families caring for CSHCN. Q & A: • <i>What's in it for employers?</i> • <i>What do families currently look for in the workplace?</i> • <i>How can employers and Work-Life professionals support employees caring for CSHCN?</i>	<i>Chris Fluet, Child & Adolescent Health Policy Center, MassGeneral Hospital for Children</i> <i>Sandra Turner, Ernst & Young, Director, EY/Assist</i> <i>Peter Burki, LifeCare, Inc., CEO</i> <i>Nora Wells, Family Voices, Inc., A National Organization Speaking on Behalf of Families of Children with Special Needs</i>
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2:45-2:55 p.m.	Update from Massachusetts Dept. Of Public Health ▪ New Structure for DPH programs for CYSHCN ▪ New Initiatives to watch for from EOHS	<i>Ron Benham, Director, Perinatal, Early Childhood & Special Health Needs, MA Dept. of Public Health</i>
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2:55-3:00 p.m.	Policy Updates & Announcements	
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Networking Members of the Consortium are invited to use this time for informal networking, Work Group or sub-committee meetings, etc. Take advantage of easy access to colleagues, associates and friends.	