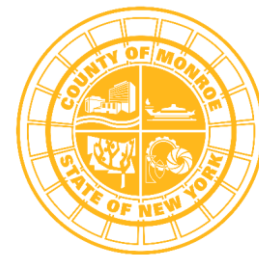


# Cross-Systems Action Team for Youth with Complex Needs

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## Action Team Meeting

*April 2, 2026*



# Agenda

**Action Team Purpose:** Ensure youth with complex needs have the care they need, when and where they need it by: (a) defining solutions and making local changes to redesign cross systems care; (b) advocating for state policies and funding to enact the solutions; and (c) building the workforce to implement the solutions.

- Welcome
- Feature Presentation & Discussion: *Hillside's Next Steps Critical Time Transition Program*
- Discussion: *Leveraging Priorities*
- Advocacy Update
- Emerging Issues & Updates



**If we could get leverage on one of the pieces we have been advocating for, which one would be the priority?**



# Advocacy Update

Advocating for state policies and funding to enact solutions

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**\$25M**

- Interagency Resolution Unit required to complete **evaluation and diagnostic study within 72 hours** of referral and effectuate **placement or services within 5 business days** of the evaluation
- **Confidential, online data portal** to help state, local and voluntary agencies coordinate residential and community-based services
- **Require report** to Governor and legislator every 6 months on children boarding in hospitals

# State Budget

Still awaiting votes

Varying levels of commitment to behavioral, mental and physical health needs of children

Issue	Executive Proposal	Assembly Proposal	Senate Proposal
<b>Cross-systems coordination</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Early Intervention</b>	\$204.9M	\$223M to increase rates by 5%	\$218M to include a rate increase
<b>Targeted Inflationary Increase for OMH, OASAS, OPWDD, OTDA, SOFA services</b>	1.7% increase	4% increase with a portion of that supporting frontline, non-executive staff	4% increase with 1.3% mandated to go to salary increases
<b>Children’s Behavioral Health services via OMH</b>		Additional \$20M	
<b>Applied Behavioral Analysis Medicaid rate cut</b>	12.5% cut	12.5% cut	\$13.7M to eliminate cut
<b>Applied Behavioral Analysis Center of Excellence designation</b>	Included	Included	Omitted

# Regulatory Changes

Opportunity to identify regulatory barriers

## State Survey

Due by April 3<sup>rd</sup>

*...specific regulations, policies, and practices administered by New York State that add unnecessary process, undue burden, or are simply out of date...*

**Streamline access to services** by simplifying complicated processes or removing unnecessary hurdles that prevent families from accessing benefits and services that New York State supports or oversees (e.g., healthcare, child care, nutrition, mental health).

1. **Multi-agency licensing** of residential facilities
2. **Expedited waiver processes** to create the ability for a service that is licensed by one state agency to be accessed and paid for by other agencies
3. **Blended or braided funding** to facilitate the operation of programs for complex needs
4. **Time requirements** for the Interagency Resolution Unit to complete an evaluation (72 hours) and effectuate services (5 business days)
5. **Authorization for the Interagency Resolution Unit** to compel state agencies to come to agreement

# Emerging Issues & Updates

Ways to stay informed

- [OMH/DOH Settlement website & listserve](#)

- Sign up to be notified of upcoming stakeholder feedback sessions

- [Complex Needs website](#)

- Please share and encourage people to join in our collaborative effort

- [MCDHS Facebook videos](#)

- Please share video posts highlighting cross-system needs



- **Redesign Workgroup**

- Coming soon -- Define solutions & make local changes in how our systems work together