



## NH Early Childhood Strategy Team 1 – Meeting 4 Notes

*Strategic Theme 1: Quality, consistent, equitable access to opportunities and services for all NH families*

August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 12:00-2:00pm

*GSG Facilitator:* Margaret Brackett

*GSG Notetaker:* Olivia Gunthert

Participants:

- ❖ Marianne Barter
- ❖ Robin deAlmeida
- ❖ Joelle Martin
- ❖ Christine Morrissey
- ❖ Shirley Tomlinson
- ❖ Rachel Valladares

### **Summary of team purpose:**

The task for today's meeting is to review the drafted templates for each initiative and discuss potential edits and revisions as a group. Each template should summarize the overall discussion and research about the initiative. By the end of the meeting today, each team will select a team member to present the initiatives for each objective to the subcommittee of the Council at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. If no one from the team can attend the meeting, Margaret will present the initiatives for that objective.

### **I. Strategic Theme Template Discussion:**

The team reviewed and discussed their strategic theme templates for each initiative. Team members and the GSG facilitator gave feedback and suggestions.

#### ***DRAFT Initiatives***

##### **Objective 1: Increase early intervention and primary prevention**

**Strategic Initiative 1A:** Normalize help seeking for families by engaging diverse families and individuals as early as possible in their parenting journey to shape how this is done.

**Strategic Initiative 1B:** Increase provider awareness informed by family perspectives to ensure systems are responsive to needs of children and families.

**Strategic Initiative 1C:** Expand communication access across service providers of early intervention and prevention services across the state (through personal development and more diverse hiring process) and equitable grantmaking.

## **Objective 2: Increase accessible childcare and early learning options**

**Strategic Initiative 2A:** Expand eligibility for child care assistance costs, increase the amount of assistance for each family, and increase awareness and utilization of NH Child Care scholarship assistance.

**Strategic Initiative 2B:** Expand options and access to childcare centers statewide, particularly in areas where options are limited.

**Strategic Initiative 2C:** Increase all childcare providers' access to knowledge and services available.

## **Objective 3: Increase family awareness, voice, influence, engagement, and knowledge**

**Strategic Initiative 3A:** Establish a Systemic Family Engagement Implementation Team at the state level

**Strategic Initiative 3B:** Welcome Baby for all NH newborns and parents

**Strategic Initiative 3C:** Expand NH parent/caregiver access to family support/Family Resource Centers (FRCs)

## **Objective 4: Enhance quality of early childhood programs and services**

*Team members are sharing the drafted initiatives for this objective separately; they were not able to attend the meeting.*

### **II. Subcommittee Meeting Presenters:**

Each group will select one member to present at the Subcommittee meeting.

### **III. Next Steps:**

The team's homework is to send the team facilitator their strategic theme templates, who will share the draft templates with the entire team, so each group can then finalize their templates while focusing on the big picture. The team is going to consolidate the initiatives that are too long but might need to break them up and choose which one to focus on if it is too long.

Advice for finalizing the templates: Take a step back after editing and determine if the initiative and template are answering the question asked: is the initiative describing something that will result in sustained change? Is the rationale explaining why this initiative will impact the objective?

Team members may reach out to the facilitator with individual questions as needed. Team members also requested an email with the names, email addresses, and roles/ departments for each participant on this strategy team.

### **IV. Important Dates:**

- September 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm: Subcommittee Meeting for strategic plan development
  - Need someone to present each initiative
- September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:30pm: Team meeting – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2622399395>
- September 13<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am: Council for Thriving Children meeting (in-person)