

Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration
GSQ Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes - 11/9/23
9:00-10:30

In Attendance: Andrea Foster, Jessie Davis, Heidi Hammell, Bekah Kistler, Heidi Karajcic, Shannon Tremblay, Chris Casserly, Joan Izen, Liz Scruton, Megan Phillips, Hillary Pincoske, Jackie Firmin, Dee Dee Thurber, Alex Amaral, Jamie Nadeau, AnnMarie Censullo, Suelaine Poling, Lisa Ranfos, Christina D'Allesandro

New Bureau Chief Introduction: Jessie Davis

Advisory Committee Landing Page:

Now live and available publicly on NH Connections: [GSQ Advisory Committee](#)

Application Updates:

- No new applicants since the beginning of October
 - Last November also no applicants
 - probably due to what's happening internally in centers this time of year: screenings, staffing, holidays, etc.
- 4 inquiries about increasing a step
- Suggestion to look month by month at application data to track patterns and learn more

How do participating contracts/programs feed into and support the system?

Child Care Aware:

- Role in supporting GSQ - outreach and TA
- Statewide support for GSQ system: Pre-reqs, standards, credential support, and applications
- Offering ERS trainings to programs every month
- Offer mini conferences - their TA's go to centers and bring training to them
20 different trainings
- 3 conferences a year for providers that include GSQ information

ACROSSNH:

- Out of School time community support
- Provides OST providers with training and TA
- Fall and spring conference and year-round training opportunities
- Support for program quality and continuous quality improvement.
- Through the GSQ Capacity contract, tasked with drafting SEL pathway for OST
- Offer credential challenges

PTAN:

- Support early childhood educators and special educators
- Statewide technical assistance and support network that promotes quality, developmentally appropriate and culturally competent early childhood education and special education programs
- Work with adults in the system giving them support to work with children and families 0-5 years old
- 14 program coaches and consultants with varied backgrounds and expertise
- Coaching Pyramid Model content and social emotional development support

- This PM work was happening parallel to GSQ build out and QRIS development
- Consult programs with children with challenging behaviors
- Now support the programs that choose PM pathway in GSQ
 - 37 programs work with a coach
 - 22 came in at step one and completed readiness (on ProSolutions to learn more about PM)
 - 15 previously participated under isocial or PDG funding (previous grant-funded projects)
- GSQ – PM pathway
 - Intention is to build internal capacity within each program to continue this work with fidelity on their own without the coaching and support of PTAN
 - It is not an initiative but a way of doing business - a systemic shift
 - 90 minute monthly leadership team meeting are critical - but some programs build up to this amount of time
 - Program wide fidelity is their goal
 - Every 6-8 months a fidelity tool is used to support growth TPOT and TPITOS
 - 14 live trainings have happened this fall - some are PLC's some are trainings
 - The ProSolutions modules are attached to NHCIS and tracked - certificates are offered for trainings and then would be uploaded to NHCIS by participant

ERS Pathway:

- Supporting and building out the ERS pathway in a way that will match Pyramid Model pathway in terms of continuous quality improvement (CQI) expectation and overall program expectations
- Readiness Series being created and will roll out spring 2024
- ERSI coming to NH - Winter, Spring, and Summer to train Anchors who will also be Assessors and will train out coaches within the state to build internal capacity for assessing and supporting programs
- 3 people being trained to be the foundational support of ERS within NH

NAEYC:

- Outreach to centers that are accredited and see what they like about NAEYC and what they need for support
- Outreach to programs that lapsed in their accreditation to see why and see if we can support them in applying for accreditation in the future

New Membership discussion:

- Put on hold due to time
- Andrea asked members to think about who could join our table to represent a Family Child Care, Head Start, and a multisite Director
 - Preferably someone who could represent many hats and come with well-rounded experience
 - Committee member to reach out to Andrea with suggestions

Questions:

- Public Meeting? Is there one in the works?
 - Due to Bureau leadership change, this is on pause for now - opinions and thoughts from the public will be gathered in a few ways over the next year (focus groups, surveys, interviews, and other meetings)
 - NH Children's Trust - their area is MESSAGING - doing forums with various sets of people
 - BHII is also doing a "forum" for research data purposes

NEXT MEETINGS: December 14, 2023 and January 11, 2024 9:00-10:30 a.m.