MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Great Start for All Minnesota Children Task Force

Meeting #14

December 13, 2022

Welcome & Agenda

Welcome from our Co-Chairs

Shakira Bradshaw

Parent of Children under 5

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Children's Cabinet

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Early Educator

The Task Force is supported by:

- **Children's Cabinet Staff**: Erin Bailey, Hannah Quinn
- **Facilitation Team**: Afton Partners and Children's Funding Project

Our Charge

Develop a plan and implementation timeline that **ensures all families have access to affordable, high-quality early care and education that enriches, nurtures, and supports children and their families.**

Guiding Principles

Guiding Principles reflect the Task Force's values and beliefs, guide how it operates, and lay a foundation for decision-making

Promote Equity	Prioritize Family Perspectives, Needs, and Choices	Support the Power of Local Communities	Build Upon our Solid Foundation	Uplift and Diversify the ECE Workforce	Recognize Implementation Realities	Expect High Quality & Effectiveness	Design for Stability, Sustainability, and Positive Impact
Prioritize a system that promotes equitable outcomes, with a specific focus on children from the POCI community and building cultural competency in the ECE workforce.	Prioritize families' perspectives, needs, and choices as we make data driven and evidence informed recommendations, recognizing that all provider types and settings provide value to the system.	Create opportunities for local communities are able to define their own priorities and are supported to build the system that meets their children and families' needs.	Build upon the successes of Minnesota's past and current system, lessons from other states, and the expertise and research in the field.	Invest in our dedicated and capable early childhood professionals so that they have the opportunity to thrive and grow, and we will build and support a racially diverse workforce.	Recognize inherent system constraints while remaining responsive to local, state, and federal landscape changes.	Endeavor to create a high quality and effective ECE system that meets the needs of all of Minnesota's children and families, regardless of circumstance, knowing that the state's future workforce, economy, and resident welfare is dependent upon it	Work to support funding stability for providers, educators, and staff across mixed delivery settings to ensure better service for families.

Today’s Goals

Voting item: Edits to voted language

Informal vote on draft deliverables and preview plan submission process

Meeting #14 Agenda

6:00 – 6:05 p.m. Welcome, agenda, Meeting #13 minutes approval

6:05 – 6:10 p.m. Formal vote:

- Changes to voted language

6:10 – 6:25 p.m. Draft Deliverables

- Preview of submission
- Informal vote on plan and timeline

6:25 – 6:30 p.m. Close out and next steps

Reminder: Procedures

Open meeting law requires public bodies to **record and maintain votes** of its members. Virtual meetings require a vote by roll call.

Formal votes will include only voting members and formal votes will be held for items such as a statement on vision, value, or a recommendation to be included in the Task Force Plan.

Informal voting (ex. thumbs up) may be used to engage all Task Force members on items such as a matter of process, or an item necessary to get to a vision statement or recommendation.

Quorum is defined as a majority of voting members.

Approval of Meeting #13 Minutes

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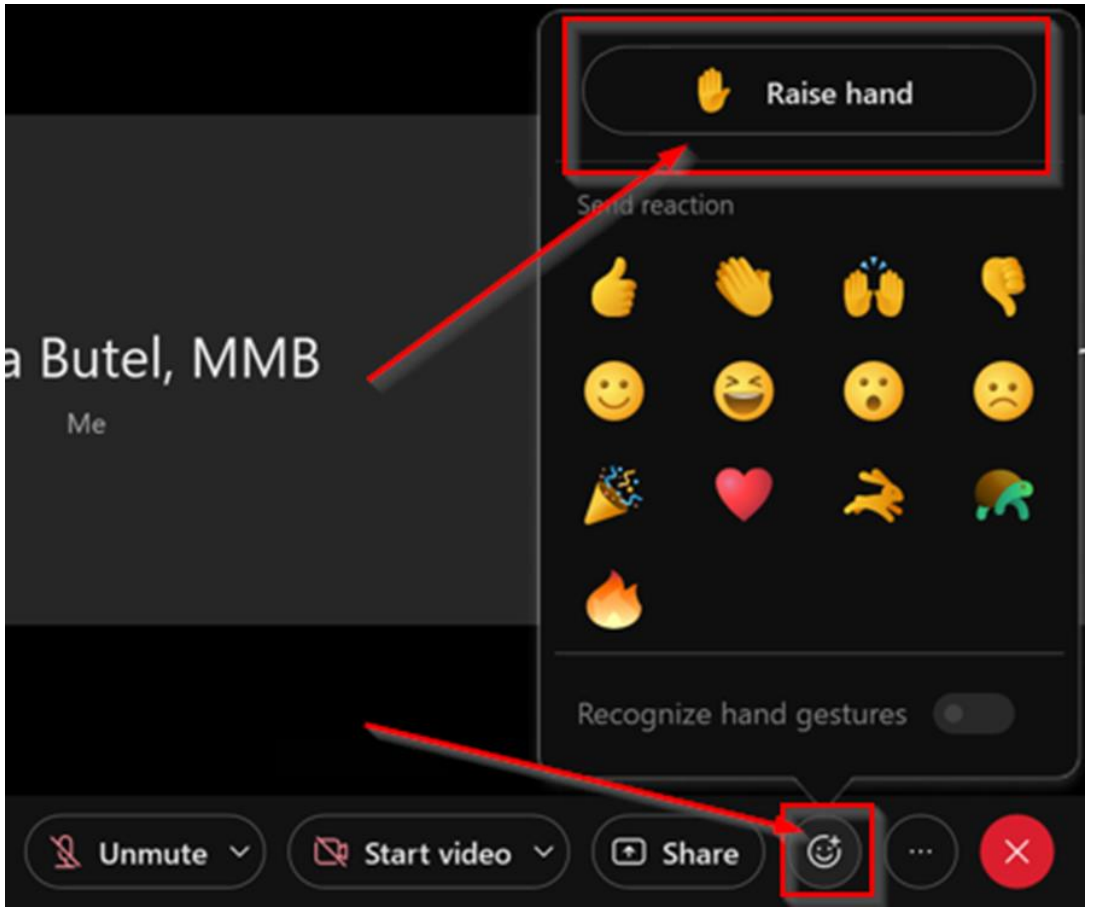

Formal vote and anticipated vote timeline

Changes to Voted Language

Voting members will take one vote to accept the changes to voted language included in the "Changes to Voted Language Tracker" document. This document includes all proposed edits to voted language included in the report along with reasons for the proposed changes.

- Page 7 and page 8: in reference to the Parent Aware Equity Report and the Parent Aware Racial Equity Action Plan, changed language to use the full names of those documents for clarity.
- Page 10: changed "businesses" to "programs" to be inclusive of all provider types.

Vote Sequencing

Month	Affordability	Workforce	Effectiveness	Implementation
This Meeting	Draft voting language change items			Deliverables: DRAFT Plan and Implementation Timeline (informal)
January 31	Votes on edits for final plan and timeline			Deliverables: FINAL Plan and Implementation Timeline (informal)

Draft Deliverable Review

Our Deliverables

Develop a **plan** and **implementation timeline** that ensures all families have access to affordable, high-quality early care and education that enriches, nurtures, and supports children and their families.

- The implementation timeline must phase in the plan over a period of no more than six years, beginning in **July 2025** and finishing no later than **July 2031**.

Reminders about our deliverables

What it is	What it is not
✓Strategic blueprint and high-level timeline for the future system	X Detailed implementation project plan for the future system
✓Detailed enough to inform a legislative package	X Specific Bill language
✓Thoughtful on major implementation issues	X Detailed enough to become administrative rules
✓Directional understanding of future administrative roles	X “Job descriptions” or specific responsibilities

These deliverables have been made up of items this Task Force has approved throughout our time together, as well as supporting information and points from Task Force and Working Group discussions.

Updated Timeline to Final Deliverables

Week beginning	Task Force	Facilitation Team
December 5th	**Updated Draft,** including executive summary, distributed to Task Force members for review (Dec 6th)	
December 12th	**Task Force Meeting** Finalize Draft Plan & Implementation Timeline	
	Submit Draft Plan & Implementation Timeline (Dec 15th) to the governor and legislative committees with jurisdiction over early childhood programs	
January 9th	Draft Plan & Implementation Timeline Feedback deadline (Jan 10th)	Revise Plan & Implementation Timeline - Based on Feedback
January 30th	**Task Force Meeting** Review and approve Final Plan & Implementation Timeline (Jan 31st)	
	Submit Final Plan & Implementation Timeline (Feb 1st) to the governor and legislative committees with jurisdiction over early childhood programs	

Draft Deliverables Recipients

- Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan
- Current chairs of jurisdictional committees:
  - Senator Jim Abeler, Chair, Senate Human Services Reform Finance and Policy Committee
  - Senator Roger Chamberlain, Chair, Senate Education Finance and Policy Committee
  - Senator Paul Utke, Chair, Senate Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committee
  - Representative Jim Davnie, Chair, House Education Finance Committee
  - Representative Tina Liebling, Chair, House Health Finance and Policy Committee
  - Representative Dave Pinto, Chair, House Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee
  - Representative Ruth Richardson, Chair, House Education Policy Committee
  - Representative Jennifer Schultz, Chair, Human Services Finance and Policy Committee
- Incoming chairs of jurisdictional committees:
  - Senator Melissa Wiklund, Chair, Senate Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committee
  - Senator John Hoffman, Chair, Senate Human Services Finance and Policy Committee
  - Senator Mary Kunesh, Chair, Senate Education Finance Committee
  - Senator Steve Cwodzinksi, Chair, Senate Education Policy Committee
  - Representative Dave Pinto, Chair, House Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee
  - Representative Tina Liebling, Chair, House Health Finance and Policy Committee
  - Representative Cheryl Youakim, Chair, House Education Finance Committee
  - Representative Laurie Pryor, Chair, House Education Policy Committee
  - Representative Mohamud Noor, Chair, House Human Services Finance Committee
  - Representative Peter Fischer, Chair, Human Services Policy

Plan for Submission of Draft Deliverables

- By December 15th, we will electronically send the draft plan and implementation timeline to the governor and legislative committees with jurisdiction over early childhood programs. We will:
  - Reiterate that the Task Force followed all legislative directives
  - Ask recipients to submit comments, if they wish, for the Task Force to consider at their last Task Force meeting by January 10, 2023
  - Offer a meeting to discuss Task Force work
  - Remind recipients to expect a final version by the deadline, February 1, 2023

Informal Vote: Approval of Draft Deliverables

Please indicate your approval of the draft deliverables, including today's approved and noted changes, by using the '***Raise Hand***' icon/button in WebEx.

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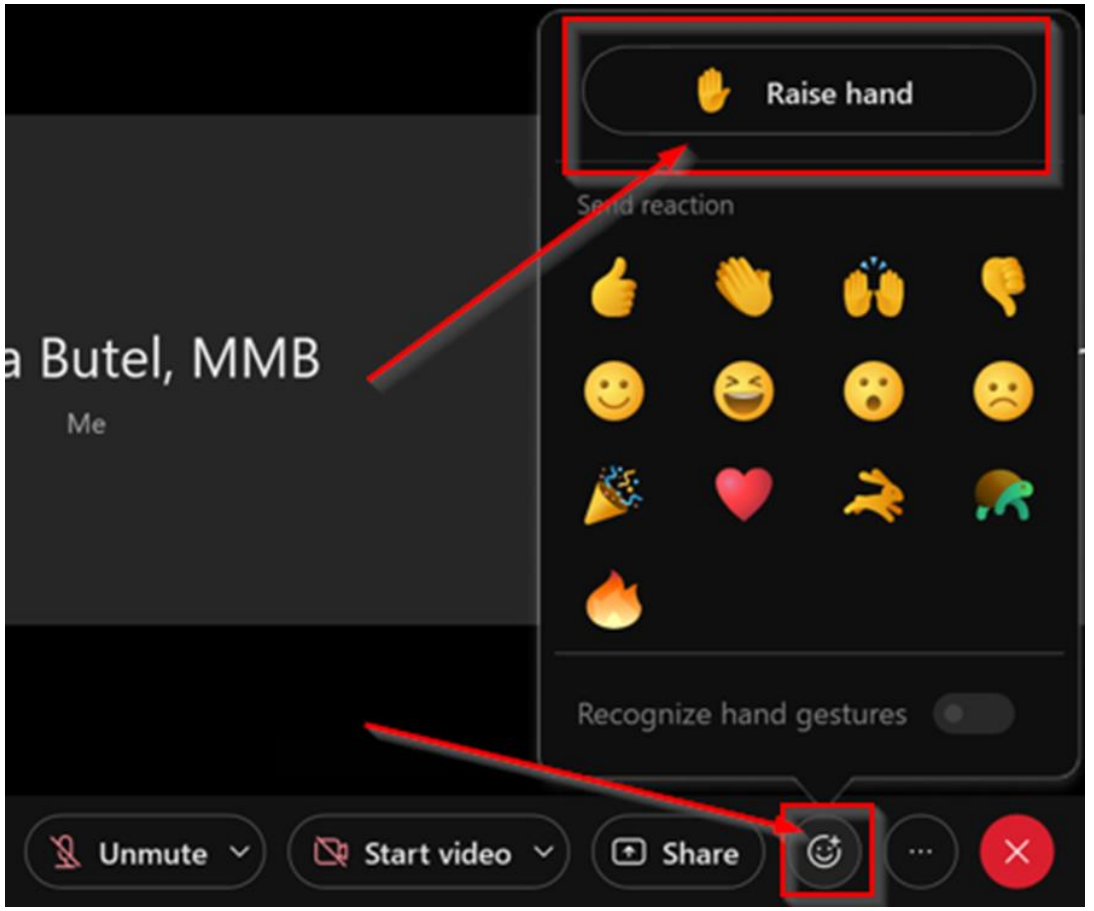


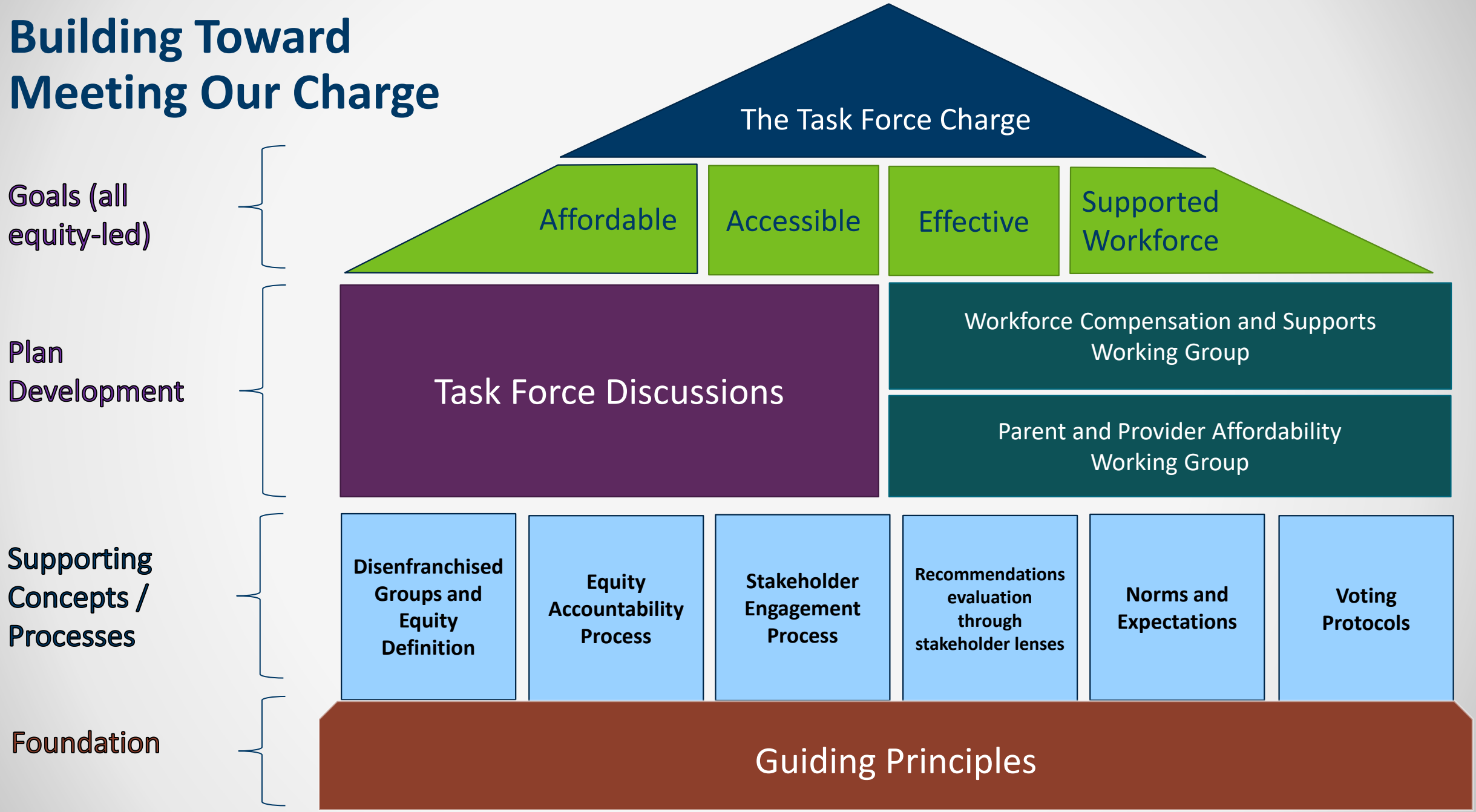
Close Out and Next Steps

Remaining time together

Where are we going next?

- ❑ Understanding the current state *Complete*
- ❑ Who does the system need to work for? How? *Complete*
- ❑ What is working in the system today? *Complete*
- ❑ Defining the future experience we want to see
  - ❑ What is equitable access? *Complete*
  - ❑ What is affordable? *Complete*
  - ❑ What are the dimensions of a quality, effective experience? *Complete*
  - ❑ What is sustainable for providers? *Complete*
  - ❑ How should the workforce be compensated and supported? *Complete*
- ❑ How do we get to our goal, led by equity? *Complete*
- ❑ How will we administer the plan? *Complete*

Building Toward Meeting Our Charge



Task Force Meeting Dates

Draft and subject to change

Meetings will be held from **6 - 8pm** on the last Tuesday of each month, except when conflicting with anticipated holidays

- LAST MEETING: January 31, 2023
  - Formal vote (if needed) on edits for final deliverable
  - Informal vote to approve final deliverable
  - Discuss roles and opportunities to promote the Task Force's plan – *survey forthcoming*
  - Share reflections and celebrate our work

Anticipated Votes Next Meeting

Formal (Statement on vision or value, recommendation to be included in the Task Force Plan)

- TBD Changes to the Plan requiring a vote

Informal (Matter of process, necessary to get to a vision statement or recommendation)

- Meeting 14 Minutes
- FINAL Deliverables: Plan and Implementation Timeline

Running list of voting Items and results (1 of 4)

Date of Vote	Voting Item	Approved (Yes/No)?	Informal	Formal
December 21st, 2021	November Meeting Minutes	Yes	X	
January 25th, 2022	December Meeting Minutes	Yes	X	
February 22nd, 2022	January Meeting Minutes	Yes	X	
	Factors of Equitable Access	Yes	X	
	Support of the Mixed Delivery System	Yes		X
	Adopting Equity Definition	Yes		X
March 29th, 2022	February Meeting Minutes	Yes	X	
	Task Force Guiding Principles	Yes	X	
	Definition of Historically Disenfranchised Groups	Yes		X
April 26th, 2022	March Meeting Minutes	Yes	X	
	Primary stakeholders in the ECE system	Yes		X
	Vision for effective ECE services	Yes		X
	Vision for equitable access to ECE services	Yes		X

Running list of voting Items and results (2 of 4)

Date of Vote	Voting Item	Approved (Yes/No)?	Informal	Formal
May 31st, 2022	April Meeting Minutes	Yes	X	
	Statement on Care is Education	Yes		X
June 28th, 2022	May Meeting Minutes	Yes	X	
	Short Term Recommendations for Family Affordability: Child Care Assistance	Yes		X
	Short-Term Recommendations for Family Affordability: Early Learning Scholarships	Yes		X
	Financial Compensation Recommendations	Yes		X
	Access Factor: Availability (schedule & hours) and accessibility (geography, location) of early care and education that meets the diversity of families' needs	Yes		X
	Access Factor: The role local communities should have in both determining access priorities for their communities and how to meet access needs	Yes		X
	Access Factor: Resources and ability of providers and programs to offer culturally responsive programming and environments	Yes		X
	Access Factor: Transportation and other barriers, such as language barriers, affecting access to families' programs of choice	Yes		X

Running list of voting Items and results (3 of 4)

Date of Vote	Voting Item	Approved (Yes/No)?	Informal	Formal
July 26th, 2022	June Meeting Minutes	Yes	X	
	Financial Relief Strategies Recommendations	Yes		X
	Time Off Recommendations	Yes		X
August 30th, 2022	July Meeting Minutes	Yes	X	
	Fiscal & economic impact studies	Yes		X
	Process to determine provider pay	Yes		X
	Qualified Workforce – Individuals	Yes		X
	Qualified Workforce – Higher Education System	Yes		X
	Benefits	Yes		X
September 27th, 2022	August Meeting Minutes	Yes	X	
	Long-term Family Affordability Plan	Yes		X
	Family Affordability Standard	Yes		X
	Equity Statement and Workforce Study Recommendation	Yes		X

Running list of voting Items and results (4 of 4)

Date of Vote	Voting Item	Approved (Yes/No)?	Informal	Formal
October 25th, 2022	September Meeting Minutes	Yes	X	
	Supported Workforce Recommendations	Yes		X
	Program Funding Process Improvement Recommendations	Yes		X
	Effectiveness Recommendations: What will it take	Yes		X
	Consistent and equitable standards and growth-oriented accountability systems	Yes		X
	A healthy business environment and clear, consistently applied, regulations	Yes		X
	Cohesive, high functioning infrastructure and ecosystem	Yes		X
November 29th, 2022	October Meeting Minutes	Yes	X	
	Compensation Framework	Yes		X

Next Steps

Send significant concerns on the Draft Plan and Timeline by **Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

Next Task Force meeting is **Tuesday, January 31, 6-8pm**

- Anticipate a survey forthcoming prior to the meeting

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