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## **Workforce Development Expert Dan Passarella Joins Group i&i**

Dan Passarella, an accomplished workforce development manager, first noticed Group i&i's work through the New Jersey Health Professionals Consortium's statewide healthcare workforce training initiative. Group i&i had been selected to assess ongoing activities of the Health Profession Opportunity Grant-funded Consortium and its outcomes. "I find the team to be very talented," said Dan, noting that the workforce development review Group i&i was performing is well aligned with his own workforce development experience. "I particularly like the fact that their skill set includes analytics, which is my specialty," he added. "The fact that Group i&i conducts so much extensive evaluation and analysis is what initially excited me about the opportunity to work with these highly-regarded professionals." Dan looks forward to engaging with the Group to help expand its workforce development efforts going forward.

Workforce training and planning make Dan a good fit to provide expert support for Group i&i's development strategy in the workforce arena. Since joining Group i&i this past summer, he has led an initiative with the Union County Workforce Development Board to help finalize its WIOA-consistent regional workforce plan.

Dan previously served as Planning Director for employment and training agencies in Monmouth and Bergen Counties; as a consultant for a number of vocational institutes; and as Technical Assistance Provider for labor-related entities and projects, including One-Stop certification efforts, in South Carolina and across New Jersey. He also

developed his own consulting firm in training and employment, produced numerous technical reports, engaged in grant-funding activities securing funds from public and private sources, and conducted planning workshops in several states under contract from the U.S. Department of Labor. Dan received graduate training in Public Administration and undergraduate degrees in Social Rehabilitation and Human Behavior.

Toufic Hakim, Founding Managing Principal of Group i&i, expressed his confidence that Dan will make meaningful contributions to the Group's workforce development arm: "Dan adds an invaluable skill set and perspective to Group i&i Consultancy. We are very pleased to have him on board and we look forward to this new collaboration and to his significant contributions.