

## **Educator Quality Team**

### ***Staff Report for April 26, 2011 VSBPE Meeting***

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, the first meeting of the Vermont Task Force for Teacher/Leader Effectiveness took place with twenty participants from the various education stakeholder groups in the state. Martha Allen and Marta Cambra are the facilitators of the task force. A timeline has been established for the task force which will have monthly meetings through June 2012 and will produce a research-based document that has suggested models for an effective teacher/leader evaluation system.

M. Cambra was invited to be on a panel at the Learning Forward Conference held in Marlboro Massachusetts on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the conference was “Connecting Educator Evaluation to Professional Development.” The state panel discussion focused on the trends and redesigns in educator evaluation. She shared the work that has just begun on the Task Force for Teacher/Leader Effectiveness. The states represented on the panel were Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont and they set the context for the keynote speaker, Joellen Killian whose sessions for the remainder of the day included the following: Understanding the Evaluation-Professional Development Connection, and Redesigning Evaluation to Inform Professional Development. Ms. Killian’s presentation included several activities for the participants, among them being an activity done by each table to develop an evaluation system that included core components and a description of how the core components connect. Everyone was then able to observe the work done by each table group and to ask clarifying questions and also to realize all the various components that are important to include in any evaluation system.

### **Licensing**

#### **Transcript Reviews:**

We are currently working on the initial examination of transcript review requests that were received 4-5 weeks ago. We are entering renewal season now.

#### **Initial/SLP Applications:**

Initial and SLP applications are taking 7-10 days to begin the initial review.

#### **Emergency and Provisional:**

There are currently 15 Provisional and Emergency License applications awaiting step two documentation for processing.

#### **Website:**

Recent additions and updates to the Licensing web pages include: VSBPE Rules Governing the Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Educational Professionals posted for public comment; Vermont Approved Programs page updated to reflect all approved programs; Added the Criminal Record Check packet to the Reinstatement Application, Initial Application and SLP Application pages.

#### **L/RSB:**

D. Giles held a relicensure clinic for educators renewing their endorsements/licenses through the DOE on March 31, 2011 in the Hub at 302. She has visited one LSB and has another visit scheduled for the month of April. A tentative schedule of L/RSB Summer Conference dates and

venues has been decided and is included in this packet. All conferences will be held in July at six different locations around the state. Deb is reviewing Retired Educator Applications as they come into the office to be processed and is receiving many questions regarding the Retired Educator License. She continues to assist educators and Boards with questions regarding licensing and relicensing.

## **Professional Standards**

### ROPA Reviews

The College of St. Joseph was reviewed by a Review Team on March 27-30<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Reid graciously stepped in to chair the team when the out-of-state team chair had a medical emergency at the last minute.

M. Richardson is working to putting together both Castleton State College's and St. Michaels College's Review Team for their fall visits.

MB. McNulty and M. Richardson continue to support Lyndon State College and Johnson State College in preparing for their reviews scheduled in 2011 and 2012 respectively.

### ROPA Miscellaneous

G. Bailey, R. Otis, and MB. McNulty hosted a Data Workshop on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Five approved programs were represented and all expressed an interest in continued technical assistance in the area of data collection.

M. Richardson and MB. McNulty attended a Vermont Council of Teacher Educators (VCTE) meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> where members of the DOE presented on the Common Core. MB. McNulty is following up with more information for programs on the blog.

### Other

MB. McNulty participated as a review team member for a Connecticut review of the Alternate Route to Certification Program (ARC) program on April 15-17.