

**Educator Quality Team**  
*Staff Report for June 23, 2011 VSBPE Meeting*

NASDTEC

M. Cambra was in Sacramento, CA for the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Executive Board meeting at the beginning of June. She was representing the Professional Preparation and Continuing Education Committee as its Chair. In the five years that she has served, that committee has been responsible for the Troops to Teachers Mobility Study, the Alternate Routes to Licensure Research Project and is now researching standards for online teaching. She is moving on from that position as she has been elected Northeast Regional Director. Through her capacity as Chair of a committee and now in her new role, Vermont has been able to be in the forefront of discussions and decisions affecting licensing, teacher preparation, and teaching nationally.

Several national keynote speakers presented on a variety of topics including the following: ethics, the Common Core, the InTASC Standards, Systems for Change, Longitudinal Data Systems, and CAEP that is the melding of NCATE and TEAC. There were several opportunities to network with colleagues from the several states that were present. NASDTEC is the basis for our work in licensing through the Interstate Agreement, the Clearinghouse and the Knowledgebase.

VT Task Force on Teacher/Leader Effectiveness

On May 26, 2011, the Task Force met and continued to look at research on teacher and leader evaluation. It was at this meeting those present indicated that they wanted to hear from the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner about the state's commitment in supporting the recommendations that will be brought forward from this group and what will happen with the results from this project. Given the aggressive timeline that has been established, the Task Force is asking both the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner to clarify the charge of the group. They will be present to address the concerns at the next Task Force meeting scheduled for Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Licensing**

Transcript Reviews:

We are currently working on the initial examination of transcript review requests that were received 6-8 weeks ago.

Renewals:

We are currently working on the initial examination of license renewals that were received 8-10 weeks ago. The Licensing Office is currently extremely busy with license renewals and receives several calls daily.

Initial/SLP Applications:

Initial and SLP applications are taking 2-3 weeks to begin the initial review.

Emergency and Provisional:

There are currently 22 Provisional and Emergency License applications awaiting step two documentation for processing.

Website:

Recent additions and updates to the Licensing web pages include: Added a Peer Review Application Form, Updated the Peer Review Handbook and Fact Sheet, Revised the language regarding VSBPE's proposed rule changes, added the L/RSB Spring 2011 Newsletter, added the L/RSB Summer Conference Registration to the calendar of events.

L/RSB:

D. Giles attended one LSB meeting in June. She is currently working on preparing for the upcoming six summer L/RSB conferences. Registrations for the conferences are coming in at a steady pace; please see the Conference Update found in this packet. Conference participants this year have been able to register online at the DOE Calendar of Events and members have been taking advantage of this site. The 2011 Spring Newsletter can also be found on the DOE website. Retired Educator Applications continue to be reviewed. She also continues to answer calls and e-mails from Boards and educators regarding renewals and licensing.

**Professional Standards**

ROPA Miscellaneous

M. Richardson continues her efforts to put together teams for the fall visits scheduled for St. Michael's College and Castleton College.

MB. McNulty provided the Teacher Apprenticeship Program (TAP) with feedback for their one-year report.

J. Nicholson completed a regulation check with St. Michael's College and has provided them with a copy of the memo she will share with the Review Team.

MB. McNulty and M. Richardson are working with SMC to craft the Review Team's schedule.

Other

M. Cambra sent a letter to Johnson State College clarifying that the External Degree Program was not approved to recommend candidates at the post-baccalaureate level and that all candidates in this program currently need to be transferred to JSC's approved post-baccalaureate program by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

G. Bailey is working with institutions to collect information on their non-initial teaching licensure candidates.