

## **Educator Quality Team**

### ***Staff Report for October 9, 2009 VSBPE Meeting***

#### **Licensing**

*The goal of the Licensing Workgroup is to provide Vermont's educators top quality service by helping educators understand and meet their licensing responsibilities and by applying licensing statutes, regulations and policies with integrity and fairness to all.*

**Renewals 2010:** We will be mailing 3,500 renewal applications the first week of November. This year the new requirement for criminal record and registry checks has complicated the process slightly. We will be enclosing an additional set of instructions for those that we think have not had a prior records check. Analysis was centered on educator's that received their initial Vermont license prior to January 1999.

**Transcript Reviews:** We are currently working on the initial examination of transcript review requests that were received about two weeks ago.

**Initial Applications:** Initial applications are taking about one week to begin the initial review.

**Provisional/Emergency Licenses:** Requests from Superintendents are finally slowing down. We have processed 281 step 1 provisional requests and 9 requests for emergencies.

**L/RSB:** Deb Giles has visited one local board in September and three for October. Now that we know that Deb is with us for the near future, she will start making more appointments with the boards. Summer make-up conference is scheduled for Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> and all 6 boards that missed the summer conferences are planning to attend.

#### **ROPA**

**Visits:** MB. McNulty and M. Richardson continue to work with CSC to prepare for their November full review of four programs.

M. Richardson is working with Champlain College to prepare for their spring visit.

M. Richardson is working with Lyndon State College in preparation for their full program visit in 2011.

**ROPA Report:** MB. McNulty and M. Richardson are presently drafting the Goddard Full- Program Report and anticipate presenting it at the November Board meeting.

**Miscellaneous:** UVM has submitted their regulation checklist in preparation for their visit with Bob Gross. It is a model document detailing the variety of systems they have in place to track their more than 20 approved programs.

We are holding a transcript review training for preparation programs on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Title II:** This year's Title II report was finalized the first week in September, a month ahead of the required reporting date. Thanks to G. Bailey, R. Otis and L. Hendrickson for their hard work preparing the report.

The Title II team has spent September reviewing the new reporting requirements for IHE's and states in preparation for next year's report.

We are holding a training for teacher preparation programs and alternate routes on the new requirements on November 5<sup>th</sup>. A member of Westat has agreed to attend the meeting to present the changes.

We are reviewing and revising the definition of “Low Performing Institution” in order to expand it to include alternate routes.