

Educator Quality Team
Staff Report for November 16, 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 mailed approximately 3,500 renewal applications on November 5th. 1,200 of those educators received an additional set of instructions and forms based on information from the Vermont Criminal Records Center, that they did not have a fingerprint supported record check completed after July 1, 1998. If they certify that they did have a check, only the certification form will need to be returned. Educator's that didn't have a check will need to complete the process.

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 305 step 1 provisional requests and 17 requests for emergencies.

L/RSB: D. Giles has visited three local boards in October and has four scheduled for November. A successful summer make-up conference was held on Thursday October 8th and all 6 boards that missed the summer conferences attended. This gives us 100% attendance for the last two years

All except three L/RSB grants have been forwarded for processing. D. Giles has completed the autumn newsletter which was mailed out the week of November 9th.

ROPA

Visits: A full program review of four of CSC's educator preparation programs took place on November 1-3, 2009. MB. McNulty and M. Richardson are beginning to draft the report now.

M. Richardson continues to work with UVM and Champlain College to prepare for their spring visits. Additionally, she is working with Lyndon State College and the College of St. Joseph's in preparation for their full program visits in 2011.

Miscellaneous: The Educator Quality Team held a transcript review training for preparation programs on November 5th. Eight people attended representing six programs. Attendees expressed a desire for another training in the spring with more time to answer questions and review sample transcripts.

R. Otis and MB. McNulty are beginning to formulate articles for a winter newsletter to preparation programs.

Curtiss Reed, Director of the Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity, attended a team training and provided feedback to M. Richardson and MB. McNulty on recruitment and training for team members in relation to the ROPA program approval standards and indicators related to diversity.

Title II: EQT hosted a training for teacher preparation programs and alternate routes on the new requirements on November 5th. Elizabeth Dabney of Westat presented a PowerPoint on the changes. Thirteen people attended representing eleven programs. We will be sending out a copy of the PowerPoint and additional information to institutions and programs that did not attend. We anticipate many questions as programs transition to the new reporting requirements.