

VSBE

Date: Sept 8, 2021

Item: Proposed Team for ROPA Review of Vermont Higher Education Collaborative

ITEM: Shall the VSBE approve of the proposed team for the ROPA review of VT-HEC?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBE approve the proposed team for the ROPA review of VT-HEC.

BACKGROUND: HEC was recently approved to recommend their program completers who already hold educator licenses for ECE, ECSE, and Special Education endorsements. They have now applied for a review in order to be approved to recommend for initial licensure in those three endorsement areas. The review is scheduled for Dec. 14-15, 2021.

The proposed review team members are:

Chair: Page Tompkins, EdD, is the President of UVEI where he is a faculty member in the teacher and school leadership programs. Page is currently a member of the New Hampshire Professional Standards Board, The New Hampshire Network for Transforming Educator Preparation steering committee, the New Hampshire Every Student Succeeds Act Educator Equity & Support advisory committee, and is active in the New Hampshire Institutions of Higher Education Network, including co-coordinating the Leadership Preparation Programs Committee and participating on the Teacher Candidate Assessment of Performance Research Committee.

Page is a former high school principal and social science teacher. He earned his doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of California Berkeley and a Master of Arts in Education, with a concentration in youth development and community-based education, from San Francisco State University. Page holds educator licenses in Social Science (K-12) and Administration.

Jeanne Agner received her Bachelor's in Special Education from Bowling Green State University and her Masters in Elementary and Early Childhood Education from the University of Toledo. She has worked in Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education for over 40 years in Ohio and Vermont. Jeanne holds a Vermont license in

both Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education, and has also served as a Peer Review Panelist in those endorsements since 1990.

Andrew Prowten is a 2011 graduate of UVM's MAT program with a BA in Political Science from UMass Amherst. He has taught Social Studies and STEM education grades 5-12 in Massachusetts and Vermont until joining the Agency of Education Quality Division in 2019. He is the current Peer Review Program Coordinator.

Brenda Seitz will represent the VSBPE. Brenda received her B.S. in Elementary Education from Marywood College and her M.S. in Education of the Hearing Impaired from Canisius College. She holds a VT Level II license in Elementary Education, Special Education, Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Special Education Director. Brenda has been an elementary and special educator and is currently a Special Education Case Manager for Windham Southeast District. She has also served as a Peer Review panelist and ROPA team member.

Ellen Cairns is a former elementary teacher, and also held a Special Education endorsement. She has been the ROPA Coordinator at the AOE since 2017.