

## **VSBPE**

**Date: Sept. 19, 2019**

**Item: VT-HEC New Program Applications**

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBPE approve Vermont Higher Education Collaborative's applications for a ROPA review of its Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education and Special Education programs (two separate reviews)?

### **AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBPE approve Vermont Higher Education Collaborative's application for a ROPA review of its Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education and Special Education programs (two separate reviews).**

**BACKGROUND:** Much of Higher Education Collaborative's background is included in the application. This is HEC's first ROPA application.

**RATIONALE:** HEC has been considering applying for ROPA/VSBPE approval for at least five years. As they are only seeking approval to recommend candidates for an additional endorsement who already have a Vermont educator's license, their program is a bit different than most that have approval. In one sense, they could be compared to Upper Valley Educator's Institute, which is not a college or university and has approval to recommend candidates who have already been teachers for an administrative endorsement. They could also be compared as an opposite kind of program to the Teacher Apprenticeship Program, which has approval to recommend candidates who have content knowledge but not teaching experience. HEC has submitted applications which are clear and thorough. The AOE supports HEC's desire to seek VSBPE approval, as that will strengthen their programs and ultimately the candidates they produce.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** Letter from Dennis Kane requesting the reviews, two applications:

Here is [the link to our Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education Application](#).

Here is [the link to our Special Education Application](#).



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Dear

I am writing to formally request a review visit for our Special Educator and Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Educator programs as part of the Results Oriented Program Approval (ROPA) process.

We look forward to working with the Agency and the Standards Board to complete the process. Our Program Directors, Patty Morgan and Wendy Cohen, will be working directly on the effort and will be the contact persons for arranging the details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis M. Kane".

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