

## **VSBE**

**Date: June 5, 2018**

**Item: St. Michael's College Early Childhood New Program Approval Review Team**

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBE accept the proposed ROPA Review Team members for the review of St. Michael's College new Early Childhood Education program scheduled for October, 2018?

### **AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the VSBE accept the proposed ROPA Review Team members for the review of St. Michael's College Early Childhood Education program scheduled for October, 2018.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Per Rule 5934, "Each review shall include an evaluation by a review team appointed by the Standards Board. The review team shall include, but not be limited to: one member of the Standards Board, one educator preparation professional and two at-large members."

### **RATIONALE:**

Proposed Review Team member brief biographies:

**Robin Ploof (Chairperson)** received her Ph.D. in Education with a Specialization in Early Childhood from Walden University and her M.Ed. in Elementary Education from St. Michael's College. She is currently the Program Director and a faculty member in the Graduate Education (Specialization in Early Childhood) Program at Champlain College. Robin has worked in the Early Childhood field for over thirty years; she has served as a consultant in multiple capacities, as a Literacy Trainer for the Vermont Humanities Council, and was the owner, director, and teacher at Stepping Stones Children's Center in Burlington, as well as other roles in the field.

**Becky Millard** received her B.A. in Psychology from Smith College and her Ed.M. in Early Childhood Education and Creative Arts in Learning from Lesley University. She is a graduate of the Early Childhood Leadership Institute at the Snelling Center for Government. She is currently the Director of Northern Lights at CCV, and is responsible for the development and implementation of core professional development services available to all regulated early childhood professionals in Vermont. Becky has

also been a Child Care Director and a Lead Teacher, and has served and continues to serve on many early childhood committees, task forces, and planning teams.

**Harriet Dumas** is the Director and Lead Teacher at Hartland Cooperative Nursery School in White River Junction, Vermont. Harriet holds a Level II Vermont Educator's License with an endorsement in Early Childhood Education, Birth through Age 8.

**Ric Reardon** will represent the VSBPE. Ric is the Director of Education at Castleton University and has been involved in Early Childhood professional development through the Early Childhood Summer Institute.

**Ellen Cairns** will represent the AOE. Ellen received her B.S. from The University of Vermont in Elementary and Special Education and is a former elementary school teacher. She served on the Science Curriculum Development Committee for Chittenden East School District, and, more recently, as the Early Childhood Assessment Coordinator for the AOE before joining the Educator Quality Team as the ROPA Consultant.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENT:** None