



Certification and Higher Education Committee

Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the May 27, 2014 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; William Beardsley; and Nichi Farnham (Board Members); Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator; (Department of Education); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate

Also present were: Amy Johnson, Title II Institutional Liaison; Members of the Maine School Counseling Association: Elena Perrello, School Counselor; Mikal Crawford, Husson University; Annette Milliken, University of Maine; Sue Jones, USM; and Zack M(?), USM.

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

UPDATES

Certification (Mark Cyr):

Mark Cyr, Certification Coordinator, updated the Committee on the following:

- There is a major glitch in the certification software for the online application and renewal process. The department is under contract with the vendor - Iron Data and they are attempting to resolve the issue.
- Chapter 115 is in effect as of May 14, 2014. Mark will be meeting with the Career and Technical Education (CTE) group on Friday to work on implementation.
- On June 23 and 24, Mark will be meeting with Educational Testing Service (ETS) to set cut scores for Praxis II exams.

Higher Education (Nancy Perkins):

The Higher Education Specialist position has not been filled.

Chapter 118 (Nancy Perkins):

The Committee is moving forward with a plan to update the mentoring materials in Chapter 118 "Purposes, Standards and Procedures for Educational Personnel Support Systems". On June 3rd, the Certification Committee will meet with Crystal Polk, Doug Spaulding, Shirley Spaulding and Mary Paine (DOE) to review the materials. There will be mileage reimbursement and lunch provided to participants that will be funded by the State Board.

Title II Report (Amy Johnson):

Amy Johnson, Title II Institutional Liaison, at the University of Southern Maine (USM) gave the committee an overview of Title II beginning with the history and then talked about the data that is reported. The Committee has requested future updates of reported data as it is collected and has invited Amy to attend the committee meeting after reports come out each year. State and Federal reports are available on line.

Maine School Counseling Association (Elena Perrello):

Elena Perrello, Chair of the Government Relations Committee and professors from guidance programs in the University of Maine system are requesting a change in the language of Chapter 125 - Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units, Section 9, 9.01 (A). The current language is:

Each school administrative unit shall have a Comprehensive Guidance Program, including guidance and counseling services, available to all students in grades K-12. The development of the program and the delivery of the services it describes shall be a coordinated effort of the members of the unit's professional staff.

The language they are proposing is (see bold):

Each school administrative unit shall have a Comprehensive Guidance Program, including guidance and counseling services, available to all students in grades K-12. The development of the program and the delivery of the services it describes shall be a coordinated effort of **a certified school counselor** the members of the unit's professional staff.

The Certification Committee will discuss and send a letter with their decision to Elena Perrello, Chair of the Government Relations Committee, Maine School Counseling Association. The Certification Committee has concerns regarding the potential effects that the language restriction would have on local districts.

Handouts:

- Introduction to Title II Reporting – Amy Johnson, Title II Institutional Liaison

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 541 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment:

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.