

**Home Education Advisory Council
Minutes—April 10, 2012**

Chairman Abbey Lawrence called the regular meeting of the Home Education Advisory Council to order at 3:35 p.m. in room 12 of Londergan Hall in Concord, New Hampshire.

Members Present: Marc Boyd, Michael Benik, Michael Compitello, Chris Hamilton, Abbey Lawrence, Representative Joseph Pitre, Roberta Tenney, and Dennis Wyman.

Visitors: Jane Grady, Kim Monterio

Minutes: Heather Wheeler's name was misspelled in the March minutes. The Council approved the March 13, 2012 minutes as corrected by general consent.

Chairman's Report:

The annual report to the State Board of Education was postponed until May. Council members briefly discussed the annual report, noting a steady decline in public and private school enrollments, but homeschooler enrollment continues to increase.

The Ed 315 final proposal is scheduled to go to JLCAR on April 20.

Michael Compitello asked for clarification about Abbey's discussion with Mark Pageau of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon regarding a homeschooled applicant who had previously worked at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, was re-applying for employment as a licensed nursing assistant but didn't have a diploma. Dartmouth-Hitchcock's accrediting agency requires that applicants have either a high school diploma or a GED. Abbey will contact Mr. Pageau for more information.

Abbey mentioned that sections in Ed 306 that address competencies, credits, and diplomas might affect homeschoolers. (Ed 306: [HYPERLINK "http://www.education.nh.gov/legislation/documents/ed306.pdf"](http://www.education.nh.gov/legislation/documents/ed306.pdf) <http://www.education.nh.gov/legislation/documents/ed306.pdf>; Technical advisory on competency valuation: [HYPERLINK "http://www.education.nh.gov/standards/documents/advisory20.pdf"](http://www.education.nh.gov/standards/documents/advisory20.pdf) <http://www.education.nh.gov/standards/documents/advisory20.pdf>)

Department Report: Roberta has received some calls asking about getting started in homeschooling. She is concerned about the possibility that some school district personnel might suggest homeschooling in some cases. This issue of "push out" has been discussed before.

Legislative Report: Chris distributed a written legislative report. The council briefly discussed some items in her report. Chris explained that Senate Education Committee hearings on HB545 and HB1571 are scheduled for Tuesday, April 17. Online Senate committee reports now contain more information, which is particularly helpful in tracking legislation. Chris reminded the Council members that one benefit of the Council has been the preservation of legislative intent.

There was no unfinished or new business.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Grady

(substituting for Dennis Wyman)

Note: At the June 12 meeting, the following change was made to the first paragraph of the Chairman's report:

The annual report to the State Board of Education was postponed until May. Council members briefly discussed the annual report, noting a steady decline in public and private school enrollments *over the decade, but homeschooler enrollment generally increased.*