

**Home Education Advisory Council**  
**October 8, 2015**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members present:** Heather Gage, Marc Boyd, Barrett Christina, Amy Gall, Christine Mukai, Rep. Glenn Cordelli, George D’Orazio, Dave Menard, Rep. Barbara Shaw.

Chair Amy Gall called the meeting to order at 3:37pm in the Board Room at the Department of Education.

**Minutes** of the September 10, 2015 meeting were accepted by general consent.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Amy brought forward a letter that was received in the mail by the NHHC regarding an allegation that a child with a NH home education program is not living in NH. Heather noted that the DOE received a similar letter and simply put it on file. There was no name or return address on the letter, so no way to contact the author or substantiate the allegations. The fact is that anyone could file a Notice of Intent from out of state, and we’d have no way to know.

Amy reported that there has been an LSR entered to dissolve the HEAC. She asked Council members to give an opinion on whether or not they felt the Council serves an important role.

**DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION REPORT**

**Graduation Statement:** Heather reported that she met with Amy after the September HEAC meeting and was able to change the home education page of the DOE website to reflect the graduation statement and sample certification letter created by the Council in 2014.

**Special Education:** Heather looked into the requirement to be enrolled in public schools in order to be eligible for special education services. Attendance in one class is not enough for a home educated student to be eligible for special education services; they need to be enrolled as a full time student. Services may be available through other resources.

**Vacant Council Seats:** Heather reported that she has communicated with potential volunteers to fill two of the empty seats.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There still seem to be some unanswered questions pertaining to VLACS; it was suggested that we invite an administrator from VLACS to come to a Council meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Amy reported that she had a conversation with a school district administrator about a case where the administrator felt a student had been pulled out of school on a home education Notice of Intent to babysit younger children at home. The family had been reported to DCYF by the school district last year for other issues. The administrator was told that DCYF won’t investigate families for educational neglect issues.

It was suggested that we may want to invite DCYF to a Council meeting.

**Adjournment:** 4:38pm