



A Vermont Opportunity: Regional Service Centers

Boards of Cooperative
Education Services

Collaboratives



Introduction

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Considerations

MA Regulation Changes 2012

- Established to regulate 26 collaboratives across the state
- Attempted to create fewer, change what agency could provide (5 Regions/Adult Services)
- Model language for articles of agreement formed the basis for governance

Vermont Proposal H-0630

- Opportunity to define all aspects of regional service agencies and create the structure
- Can learn from challenges in other states as more than 35 states have a similar system.
- Much needed shared services for rural areas

VT Agency of Education Role

- **Number of agencies**

- Define number across the state in advance
- Create boundaries based on VT existing structures (i.e VT South, VT Central, VT North)

- **Governance**

- Board of Directors- Define who can hold seat
- Articles of Agreement
- By-Laws

- **Membership**

- Establish boundaries and create ability to procure programs/services outside that boundary
- Offer member/Non-Member rates and establish the maximum differential (i.e. no more than 25%)

VT Agency of Education Role

- **Funding**
 - Define funding opportunities (if any)
 - Allow for grant participation for and with school unions
- **Services provided**
 - Specialized Programs?
 - Staff Recruitment/Resources?
 - Evaluation Center?
 - Early Childhood Programs?
 - Adult Services?
 - Cooperative Purchasing?
 - Professional Development?
 - DOE Initiative Implementation?
 - Transportation?

Additional Considerations

1. Remain a viable entity for educational professionals to gain employment by allowing similar benefits (insurance, VT retirement, licensure)
 2. Consider funding opportunities or resource allocation (i.e. school building funding tied to BOCES space)
 3. Allow for specialization state-wide (i.e PD, transportation, cooperative purchase)
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Thank You

