



Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Office of the Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 14, 2011
TO: Commission Stakeholders
FROM: Patty Wohl and Teri Clark, Acting Executive Directors
RE: Teacher Discipline Improvement Initiative Update

In a previous message we shared that to communicate with the public more concisely we organized the 11 recommendations in the Bureau of State Audit (BSA) report into four overarching issues and we reported progress on items 1 and 4 on the list below:

1. Legality of the Committee of Credentials (COC) delegating its discretionary authority to staff.
2. **Individuals for whom the Commission needs updated misconduct reports.**
3. Division of Professional Practices.
4. Office of Human Resources.

In this update, we are reporting on the steps taken to address the audit report's concerns regarding the second issue: *Individuals for whom the Commission needs updated misconduct reports.*

Beginning in March 2011, staff began returning Reports of Arrest and Prosecution (RAPs) to the Department of Justice (DOJ)—As of June 20, 2011, 908 individual's RAP sheets have been returned to the DOJ. On June 21, 2011 staff confirmed with DOJ that returning RAPs will remove the individual from the list of individuals for whom the Commission needs updated misconduct reports. Once an individual is removed from the Commission's list, the individual would need to be fingerprinted again in order to apply for a new credential or permit in order for the Commission to receive current and subsequent arrest information.

Staff has determined how many people are currently in the CASE system (1,155,976 total individuals in the system) but have never held a license, or all licenses have been expired for a minimum of 3 years. These are the first groups that are being sent to DOJ as "*No longer interested*" in receiving RAPs.

- 67,000: no license, only fingerprints in the system which were submitted a minimum of 3 years prior
- 268,000: all licenses expired 3 years or longer
- 30,000: only an expired Certificate of Clearance (valid for 5 years) and no valid licenses

On Wednesday of this week we, along with Commission Chair Sun and Vice-Chair Gahagan, testified at the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) Hearing Update at the Capitol. Based on the testimony from the JLAC and State Auditor at the hearing they seemed pleased with the progress the Commission has made to date in addressing the recommendations from the audit. They are looking forward to our six month report in October 2011.

Update on Other Commission Activities

At the Closed Session on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 the Commission took action to appoint [Beth Graybill](#) as the Interim Executive Director of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Beth served as a consultant, administrator and the Director of the Professional Services Division here at the Commission before moving over to staff the Senate Education Committee.

In Closing

For the past six weeks we have served as the Co-Acting Executive Directors of the Commission. The work has been challenging, but we have both learned a lot about the educator discipline process in California. We are now committed to assisting the Commission as it moves forward under the direction of Beth Graybill.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us. In addition, information on this topic is posted on the CTC website – Teacher Discipline Improvement Initiative <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/audit/default.html>.