



## **ABM Breakout Sessions**

**Thursday, October 26, 2017, 1:15 and 2:30pm**

**Renaissance Providence Hotel, Rhode Island**

Attire: Business/Casual

### **1 - Education and Military 101**

**Room: Haydn**

This session provides an overview of both education and military cultures. You will obtain a basic understanding of the military, branches of service, structure, and common terms, as well as working with military representatives in your community. We will discuss: education and school culture; how state agencies, districts, and schools operate; and the fundamentals of school curriculum, courses, grading systems, graduation requirements; and how to work with districts and school personnel.

Facilitator: Davina French (ND)

Presenters/Panelists:

1. Education - Mary Gable (MD Commissioner), and Assistant Superintendent, Student, Family and School Support, Maryland Department of Education
2. Education - Kathleen Murphy (NH Commissioner), and Superintendent of the Hampton School District
3. Military - Kathy Facon (U.S. DoD Representative), Chief, Educational Partnership, Department of Defense Education Activity

### **2 - Effective State Councils**

**Room: Handel**

Provides a general framework on building state councils. Discussion includes advice, lessons learned, and examples of effective working groups from seasoned commissioners.

Facilitator: Deanna McLaughlin, Tennessee Commissioner, and City Councilman, City of Clarksville

Presenters/Panelists:

1. Debra Jackson, New York Commissioner
2. Greg Lynch, WA Commissioner, and Superintendent, Olympia Educational Service District 114

### **3 - Managing Compact Cases**

**Room: Beethoven**

As an individual working in the field of case management, you strive to have a positive impact and speedy resolutions. However, it isn't easy. Learn practical steps to help you stay on track, and investigative and fact finding techniques to resolve cases more effectively. We will also discuss how to best communicate with parents or schools on the compact.

Facilitator: Shelley Joan Weiss, Wisconsin Commissioner

Presenters/Panelists:

1. Dan Dunham, Virginia Commissioner Designee, and Military Family & Student Specialist, Virginia Department of Education
2. Dr. Robin Hines, Georgia Commissioner
3. Craig Neuenswander, Kansas Commissioner, and Director of Finance, Kansas Department of Education

### **4 - School Liaison Officers**

**Room: Beethoven**

School Liaison Officers, or SLOs, provide a continuing resource for parents and students in schools and military communities. The role of the **School Liaison Officer** is to connect parents and students with information, resources and people. Learn more about: who they are; what they do; why it's important to partner with their program; and how they support parents, students, and schools on successful education transitions.

Facilitator: David Splitek (MCEC)

Presenters/Panelists:

1. Lori Phipps, School Liaison Officer, Joint Base San Antonio-Texas US Air Force
2. Nanette Pigg, School Program Manager, US Army Installation Command
3. Navy School Liaison Officer