



MILITARY INTERSTATE
CHILDREN'S COMPACT
COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2020

Utah State Council on Military Children

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Reid Newey, Davis District Superintendent
- Tracie Atkins, Child and Youth Education Services -School Liaison, Hill Air Force Base
- Brian Garrett, Deputy Director of the State Department of Veterans and Military Affairs
- Fred Allen, Utah State President AUSA
- Emily Harrison, Chapter Director – Blue Star Families of Utah
- Jennie Taylor, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army
- Shirley Atkinson, Academica West
- Zuri Garcia, 4-H State Military Partnerships Program Liaison
- Janet (Jan) Seachris, Child and Youth Services Flight Chief, Hill Air Force Base
- Gary Harter, Director of the State Department of Veterans and Military Affairs
- Col. Jason Vattioni, Commander of the 75th Mission Support Group
- Ben Rasmussen, Utah MIC3 Commissioner
- Cybil Child, Legal Assistant, Utah State Board of Education

II. Purpose of MIC3

- Opened the meeting with MIC3 Summary video:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/Interstatecompact>
- Ben Rasmussen shared background information and opened group discussion.
- The Committee discussed - how, to whom, and where is information sent to school districts?
- Discussion about the needs of military students and their family's due to the statistics that military families change schools between six and nine times by the time they graduate from high school.

III. Report on 2019 MIC3 ABM in Colorado Springs, CO

- Ben reported key points and hurdles from the conference.

IV. Update on MIC3 Guard and Reserve Taskforce

V. Update on State Council in Utah Board Rule R277-929, which was made effective March 12, 2020.

- R277-929. State Council on Military Children - <https://schools.utah.gov/file/7e9d4107-394e-486b-9b20-374e9d1168e3>

VI. Open Discussion on Military Impacted Student Issues

I. Any issues with school's following interstate compact requirements?

- How to communicate to family and schools? What is the most effective way to reach military families and students?
 - District or School Level best way to reach out to students? District level can reach the most families and students.
- Task force updates – active duty and on-boarding – following the national level.
- Tracie Atkins is a great resource because she oversees the Child & Youth Education Services -School Liaison at Hill Airforce Base.
Ph: 801-775-5960
Email: tracie.atkins@us.af.mil
- Ben Rasmussen and Tracie Atkins are willing to reach out to schools and communities.

- Ben Rasmussen will be reaching out to the district principals and associations asking if he can present to their staff and educating them on the benefits of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission - MIC3.
- COVID-19 - Hoping to start implementing information to students by August.
- Emily Harrison mentioned that Blue Star Families' 2020 Military Family Lifestyle Survey analyzes trends related to major shifts in military life issues and helps local and national government leaders better understand the realities that military, veteran, and National Guard/Reserve families face.
<https://bluestarfam.org/survey/>
- Zuri Garcia mentioned she recently met with Brent Broome with Army Reserve. Brent mentioned that he provides support to families if they need liaison support with the school. Sounds similar to what Tracie provides.
- Discussion of UHSAA Issues for incoming students
 - High school sports - you have to complete a survey through the NCAA and if you competed in a sport the last season in another state there is a year wait period before they can compete in Utah.
 - Superintendent Reid Newey attended the 388th, change of command last year. The new Commander indicated his daughters ran cross country, Reid told the Northridge Principal, he made contact and the girls were running the next day.
- Data from the Federal Impact Aid Survey <https://www.ed.gov/veterans-and-military-families> and <https://www.ed.gov/veterans-and-military-families>
- Zuri Garcia is happy to distribute information through 4-H Youth Programs to those families/students who have indicated they are military connected across the state.

VII. Adjournment