



**New Hampshire MIC3 Meeting
6 May 2022 0900-1100
38 Liberty Street, Concord NH**

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FROM: Kristen Ferullo, ISLO - PNSY

TO: Kathleen Murphy, NH MIC3 Commissioner
Commander Jeffrey Smith, XO, PNSY, US Navy, NH-MIC3 DOD Military Representative
Captain Michael Oberdorf, CO, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

SUBJECT: New Hampshire MIC3 Meeting Minutes

1. **PURPOSE:**

Child and Youth Education Services (CYES) execution authority is:

- NDAA, Section 1785 of title 10 United State Code
- OPNAVINST 1700.9 (series)
- Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 6060.4, Youth Programs
- Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 1342.44, Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (MIC3)
- Navy School Liaison Officer Guide, 3 March 2009 Memorandum
- School Based Program Guide, February 2010 Memorandum

2. **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Kathleen Murphy, NH MIC3 Commissioner, Superintendent Concord Public Schools
Commander, Jeffrey Smith XO, PNSY - DOD Military Representative
Steve Zdravec, Superintendent Portsmouth Public Schools
Jen Doris, Office of Social Emotional Wellness, NH Department of Education
Amy Cook, Community Based Military Programs, (*Dept. of Military Affairs & Veterans Services*)
Jane Bergeron Beaulieu, Executive Director NHASEA
(*NH Association of Special Education Administrators*)
Kristen Ferullo, School Liaison Officer, PNSY
Kyle Repucci, Superintendent Rochester Public Schools

3. **INVITED GUESTS:**

Staff Sgt. Richard Frost, NH Joint Military Task Force
Rebecca Dutcher, *School Counselor/Purple Star Coordinator, NGR Spouse, Abbot Downing-Concord*

3. **COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

David Madden, 157th Airman & Family Readiness Coordinator
Annette Blake, NH School Councilor's Association
Jeffrey Collins, Executive Director NHIAA (*NH Interscholastic Athletic Association*)
Representative, Governor's Office Representative
Representative, NH State Representative, Hudson NH

3. **Materials:** Agenda (see attached) Minutes/Agenda of 12 Nov 2020 Meeting
NH MIC3 State Law & Resources NH Position Paper, National Guard
School Liaison Resources MIC3 National Guard Presentation

4. **DISCUSSION:**

a. Welcome: Kathleen Murphy

- The meeting was called to order and a welcome provided by Kathleen Murphy
- Review of Council membership
 - Jane suggested Sue Mullen as possible candidate from legislative branch
 - NH State Councilors Association
 - US Coast Guard, Newcastle
 - Continued involvement of NH National Guard

b. Introductions:

- All members and invited guests introduced themselves and referred to the related work they do to provide support for students and families of active duty military and the community.

c. Review & Accept Meeting Minutes from 12 November 2020

Motion to Accept Minutes: Steve Zadravec

Second: Kristen Ferullo

All in favor: Yes

Abstention: no

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

d. 2021 Annual Business Meeting Highlights

- Updates provided from Ex-Officio Members – good resources for schools and families
- National Guard, Still no further movement but NH Stands with and decision that increases the support of our families (roughly 7K in NH)
- National Office posted new information and guidance on IDEA
 - The Council sees this as a discussion topic as issues with Universal Public Pre-K comes to fruition in our states. This is a topic of further discussion and one for future National ABM and/or State consideration in support of military families.*

f. NH Position Paper – National Guard Inclusion under MIC3

- Council agrees that the inclusion of National Guard is paramount to the success of all military students
- Updated Quarterly numbers from DEERS important to help understand needs and allocation of resources
- Population in NH to increase but still proportional to other concentration areas

g. NH Purple Star Initiative: SSGT Rick Frost

- Funding officially ends June 30, 2022 – program well under the funding mark which illustrates that money is not the issue to the program's success.
- Overall participation was disappointing – largely due to COVID, staffing, manpower, etc.
- Concord, Londonderry and Pinkerton will be important in highlighting success of the program and increase program sustainability.
- Use of military spouse, transition liaison, or other passionate adult to focus on spearheading the initiative as NH-JMTF is being restructured.
- Work with Guidance on deployment and separation/re-integration issues.

h. Happening in our state

1. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard: Commander Smith

- Production & Capacity at PNSY increasing due to large investment in PNSY. Increase in civilian workforce and military families in the area will happen in next 5 years
- In the last 3 years roughly 2K people have been hired at PNSY
- SurgeMain Reservists present and can increase to support growing needs
- Shared that his older children did not want to be military affiliated or recognized in school
- He has been in the military for 27 years and has never heard of MIC3 or a School Liaison prior to his time at PNSY

2. National Guard: SSGT Rick Frost

- NH-JMTF has taken a wellness approach with 2 initiatives toward prevention in the expansion of childcare for National Guard during drill weekends and increasing the accessibility to fitness opportunities to support positive outcomes.

3. Pease ANG: Dave Madden (by email & presented to Council)

- 64th arriving between August 2022-August 2023. 159 Airmen with 100-120 with families. Likely to live in areas further from seacoast due to housing costs and availability.

4. Abbot Downing Elementary: Rebecca Dutcher

- Purple Star School has worked well in elementary age but struggling to get buy in at HS level.
- Back 2 School night was a big success: brought in a Hum-V, uniformed service members and had table for families with resources
- Veteran's Day parade – asked all active duty kids to lead the parade and hold the banner (all give a coin as well)
- Memorial day will have a special school shirt at the school store
- Next Year ideas – purple up day and changes, additions to website and other things to build upon momentum.

i. Proposal of Multi-State Meeting: Agreed upon: will look into August 16th 2022

j. MIC3 in Action! Case Studies

1. Maine/Hawaii - Kindergarten Student (not covered due to time)

2. HS Seniors – midyear transitions

- Successful transition of 2 military seniors moved. The on-time graduation of these two students would have been impossible without the MIC3 Compact. We need to increase awareness of the compact so that these situations are avoided in places where there is a smaller population of military students and we can ensure our students are supported.

3. Rochester School District – awareness & communication

- Military family told they were unable to register for school until the resided in the home they were building even though they arrived on orders. Confusion and mis-communication on the part of the family and school. This serves as a reminder to increase awareness through our families, office of the registrar, guidance and front office.

j. Expanding Our Reach

- School Liaison needs a platform to speak to various groups (Superintendents, Principals, Guidance, M-V Transition Liaison, etc.) to increase awareness of the needs of military families as well as MIC3. Additionally, invitation to District Leadership Team Meetings would be a great opportunity to speak to a larger group at one time to spread the word.

1. Resources Available to Schools

- Transition Centers in schools
- Library book section in each library
- Deployment Kits
- Purple Star School Toolbox

School Liaison Officer
 MIC3 1-page info sheets
 Tutor.com
 Penn Clearing House
 National Guard Resources

STEM Booklet
 Apprenticeship Information
 NH Care Coordination

k. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Steve Zadravec
 Second: Kyle Repucci
 Abstention: no

All in favor: Yes
 Meeting Adjourned at 1115

5. **ACTION ITEMS:**

Letter to Governor for support of someone to attend the meeting
 Provide speaking opportunities for School Liaison
 Work on planning for Multi-State Meeting
 Updates to MIC3 Website (National)
 Updates to NH-DOE Website for MIC3

6. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Include Jen Hollidge in next meeting