

MIC3 Council Meeting
OESD 114, Bremerton
October 13, 2016
10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Present: Admiral Gary Mayes, USN; John Baker, Navy Dept. Head Fleet & Family Readiness; Deb Robbins, USN; Norma Melo, Antoinette Walker, Andrea Witt, JBLM Family Liaisons; Carrie Basas, Ombuds Office; Heather Lewis-Lechner, Legislative Staff; Linda Owens, Assistant to Sen. Rolfes; Sen. Christine Rolfes; Rep. Sherry Appleton; Adam Villani, OSPI Student Information; Dan Newell, Assistant Superintendent, OSPI; Linda Tammen, wife of Admiral Tammen, USN; Kathryn Hobbs, Executive Director, WSPTA; Franklyn McKenzie, Central Kitsap SD; Jodi Woolf, Klahowya Secondary, Central Kitsap SD; Supt. Tim Ames, Medical Lake; Supt. Aaron Leavell, Bremerton SD; Dave Rubio, Board Member, Bremerton SD; Alia Kennedy, Senate Legal Counsel; John Miller and Brian Smith, WIAA; Frazier Willman, Aide to Sen. Fain; Lt. Brandon, Osman(?), USN; Laura Moore, Project Specialist, OSPI

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Welcome and Instructions	Greg Lynch	<p>Greg Lynch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He asked those present to introduce themselves.</p> <p>He provided background on the adoption of the Compact in Washington State—adopted in 2009; all 50 states belong.</p>	
WIAA Athletic Eligibility and Compact Case Review	Greg Lynch All	<p>Greg and Sen. Rolfes provided background information on the adoption of the Compact.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RCW 28A.705.010—Eligibility: to the extent they are otherwise qualified 2. In the original legislation the WIAA was recognized as an exception around athletic eligibility and the Compact given the WIAAs status as a non-profit organization and a distinct governance model not directly affiliated with the state. 3. There were accommodations made by the WIAA in support of the Compact – as an example Military connected students transferring in could potentially participate in activities regardless of when the students arrived and if space was available. 4. Insofar as the enforcement of the Compact’s intent – the WIAA rules currently supersede the Compact with respect to athletic eligibility for some varsity level activities. 	

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WIAA Athletic Eligibility and Compact Case Review (continued)		<p>Rear Admiral Mayes read a statement outlining how many Navy connected personnel are in the Northwest Region. Roughly 132,000 Navy-connected personnel in the Region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Transitions make a difference with students ✓ Military families make many transitions; don't always have a choice ✓ Athletics/extracurricular activities are part of the fabric of students of military families—connection to their new schools ✓ Removing barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Students of military families don't have a say in where they are sent ▶ Asking for waivers ▶ Tough on high school students when parent(s) are senior enlisted or senior officers—students can enter any school but not be able to participate in all activities 	
Tammen Family Case	Linda Tammen	<p>Moved from Nebraska with the decision to stay together as a family. Because of Admiral Tammen's position, housing is assigned and has to be used by the family. Two daughters—one moving from middle school to high school; one a senior in high school. Moving from private school to public school. Chose to send daughters to Klahowya Secondary School as it was similar in size to the private school the daughters had been attending. The Tammens were not provided any information about the possible effects of "choicing" to an adjoining district for daughters to attend school. The youngest daughter was granted a waiver as she was moving from middle school to high school; the oldest daughter was not granted a waiver for varsity status as she could not prove a "hardship." Both daughters were required to present to the eligibility committee to justify their waiver requests. (This surprised John Miller and Brian Smith as students are not required to present under WIAA rules.)</p> <p>Mrs. Tammen felt that military students' participation in sports or activities should be judged on a case-by-case basis. Case is on appeal. Her daughter felt like she had not done enough to convince the committee to grant her appeal, that is was her fault.</p>	

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Woelper Family Case	Greg Lynch Linda Tammen	<p>Chose the area as they knew several families; transferred from Germany. Daughter denied participation because she could not prove a “hardship.” Case is on appeal.</p> <p>In response to a question from Sen. Rolfes, Mr. McKenzie stated that the out-of-district form determines eligibility to play.</p>	
WIAA Athletic Eligibility and Compact Case Review (continued)	John Miller Brian Smith	<p>John Miller, WIAA, stated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 501C3 nonprofit organization ✓ In law governing high school and middle school sports ✓ Nine districts ✓ Eligibility committees hear first appeal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ This could create a special class of students ▶ Districts declare eligibility or not ▶ Rep Assembly makes rules/changes <p>WIAA handles between 800-900 appeals—no information on how many are military related students. There is no definition of “hardship.” One criteria is “no perceived or academic differences.”</p> <p>Tim Ames, Superintendent, Medical Lake—concern is students going to Spokane when no reason given. Other districts are in the same situation. Tim stated that his district is meeting with military families before they make an education decision to talk to them about Medical Lake and what it offers.</p> <p>In response to a question from Sen. Rolfes, John stated that deadlines are not a problem. Other criteria come into play. He did not provide information on what those criteria were.</p> <p>In response to a question from legislative staff—the law required WIAA to make rules changes, have those changes been made. John stated that rule changes had not been made; procedural changes had been made.</p>	

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<p>WIAA Athletic Eligibility and Compact Case Review (continued)</p>		<p>In response to questions, John stated that guidelines are statewide; eligibility committees are diverse. He also stated that the denials are based on the Choice legislation.</p> <p>Military Families transferring in have two choices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No choice—housing assigned 2. Civilian housing or base housing—not assigned <p>Question was raised as to what was the rationale for having a child speak to the eligibility committee? WIAA does not mandate. Gives the committee a chance to see the child. The “mandate” was disputed by several at the table.</p> <p>Norma Melo and Admiral Mayes pointed out that the military does not like the term “hardship.” Hardship is grounds for dismissal. Admiral Mayes pointed out the some military personnel (officers) resign their commission; however, the particular branch of the service, based on qualification of the personnel, can refuse to accept the resignation.</p> <p>It was noted that the legislature does have authority over WIAA. Greg asked for advice on a possible solution to the problem from the options listed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do nothing 2. Ask for advisory opinion from the Interstate Commission 3. Send a state Council letter to WIAA emphasizing compliance with the compact 4. Introduce legislation that may clarify athletic eligibility for military connected students <p>The state council directed Greg to simultaneously work with the WIAA and seek a solution for athletic eligibility and take steps to prepare a legislative change that would address the athletic eligibility issue for military connected students.</p> <p>Both Supt. Leavell and Supt. Ames stated they would like to see the connection made with the resident district. Also, there could be unintended consequences to the loosing district.</p>	<p>Greg will work with John and Brian, along with Norma Melo, Carrie Basas, and David Rubio on the issue.</p>

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WIAA Athletic Eligibility and Compact Case Review (continued)		<p>Greg will work with WIAA to address the issue. Norma Melo, Carrie Basas, and David Rubio will also be part of the group.</p> <p>Sen. Rolfes stated that any legislation would have to be drafted by early December for filing for this upcoming session.</p>	
Other Business	<p>Greg Lynch Others</p>	<p>Greg will be attending the National Conference in Orlando on October 26-28.</p> <p>Cherise Imai is the new MIC3 Director.</p> <p>He discussed upcoming rule changes. He has submitted proposed additional language to one of the rules. He will vote for them.</p> <p>Survey—we will do the survey of districts with military affiliated students every two to three years. What would be the best time? Spring seemed okay with everyone.</p> <p>Enhance Driver's License Tim Ames asked if anyone else was experiencing problems with teachers having to go on base and needing enhanced licenses. Bus drivers are covered under their CDLs. No one else present was having problems. Can be expensive.</p>	
Military Data Collection	Adam Villani, OSPI	<p>Adam Villani, Student Information, OSPI, provided information on the military data collection. He reviewed the business rules for the collection. Data collection will be at the beginning of each school year; students who come in during the year will be reported. No student identifier will be released; data will be aggregated at the school and/or district level. A report has to be presented to the legislature next fall.</p> <p>In response to a question, the legislation was passed at the request of the Department of Defense.</p>	

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Sharing	Carrie Basas Kathryn Hobbs	<p>Carrie Basas noted that the Ombuds Office has added military family complaints to its services. She asked for a list of family liaisons.</p> <p>Kathryn Hobbs provided information on the PTA. She noted that any parent can propose legislation, which is then vetted by a committee and can be brought to their Leg Assembly for a vote. The next Leg Assembly is in a week and will determine the platform for the next two years.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.</p>	

Next Meeting: Date to be determined and likely after the legislative session in summer/fall 2017.