

## NYS Interstate Compact Council Meeting

Friday, 21 April, 2017

NY State Museum, Huxley Auditorium

### Minutes

Present: Jackson, Conway, Todd, Koch, Casey, Nicosia, Beatha, Carl, Rogers, Delaney,

Dr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 10:30am and began with a welcome and introductions. She shared with the Council that New York State is currently two years in arrears with regard to MIC3 dues.

The Council discussed things that went well and things that could be improved upon from the last meeting. Members noted that participation was strong (both in person, and via telephone) in spite of challenging weather in January. The group discussed the possibility of using video-conferencing for future remote connections, rather than audio, when possible.

The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from the previous four meetings (motion to approve by Nicosia, seconded by Beatha). All four sets of minutes were unanimously approved.

During a review of the draft proposal for the NYS Board of Regents, Marybeth Casey reported that she met with Deputy Commissioner Jhone Ebert to discuss ideas relating to course testing waivers, like coursework, and physical education requirements for graduation. Marybeth reviewed proposed draft amendments to NYS Education Department regulation that would incorporate the ideas for increased flexibility proposed by the Council. Members discussed an appropriate definition of "semester," for the purposes of these documents, as well as proposed changes in physical education requirements for all students who move from out of state (not just students from military families). Members further discussed proposed changes in exam requirements for graduation.

Council members then discussed the presentation of the Question and Answer document to stakeholders. Debra Jackson and Matt Rogers agreed to work together to finalize edits to the draft document so it can be shared with the NYSED Office of Counsel prior to public release.

Members then shared any unresolved matters and challenges they have seen or heard in the field, for the collective consideration of the Council. One topic of discussion was the open appointment that exists on the Council for a representative from a military family. This open seat will require an appointment by the Governor, and members discussed ideas about how to fill this vacancy as expeditiously as possible.

Council members voted unanimously to formally appoint two school liaison officers to the state Council (motion by Todd, seconded by Casey), then again voted unanimously to name Matt Rogers and Michi Carl to those two positions (motion by Conway, seconded by Sheboy).

Dr. Jackson led the Council in a discussion about the MIC3 dues process, and a way to ensure New York's payment of back dues and timely payment of future dues. New York is currently \$22,000 in arrears, and is the only state that is not up to date on its dues. Bob Conway shared with the Council that NYS education law will likely need to be amended to ensure regular, timely payment of the annual dues, since the original statute does not specify which part of state government is responsible for this payment. SED paid the first two years of dues, but there is uncertainty about who should/will pay current and future obligations.

Members then reviewed sample vignettes, describing specific cases and scenarios that have arisen. Committee members offered editorial suggestions and agreed that we would each submit further vignettes as situations arise. The vignettes will be linked to the appropriate spots in the Question and Answer document

Council members reviewed next steps:

- Debra Jackson and Matt Rogers will finalize the draft Question and Answer document
- Marybeth Casey will finalize the proposed regulation amendment documents for consideration by the Board of Regents at a future meeting
- Bob Conway will work on the proposed Article 7 budget language for MIC3 dues payment
- Next meeting: Thursday, September 14

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Todd

Recorder