

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH MINUTES
Wednesday, May 5, 2021

PRESENT	Brian Henry Steven Bullard Pete LuPiba William Hardin Felicia Gonzales	Committee Chair, Missouri Commissioner Kentucky Commissioner Ohio Commissioner Georgia Commissioner Nevada Commissioner
EXCUSED	Keith Owen Teresa Ferenczhalmy Tony Trongone Darcy Benway Becky Porter	Colorado Commissioner New Mexico Commissioner New Jersey Commissioner Illinois Commissioner Military Child Education Coalition
GUESTS	Tim Farrell Cherise Imai Lindsey Dablow	Military Child Education Coalition Executive Director, MIC3 Training and Operations Associate, MIC3

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM EST by Committee Chair, Commissioner Brian Henry (MO).

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Roll call was taken by Cherise Imai, Executive Director. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. Commissioner William Hardin (GA) motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pete LuPiba (OH). Motion carried.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – MARCH 3, 2021

4. Commissioner Steven Bullard (KY) motioned to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Felicia Gonzales (NV). Motion carried.

ITEM 5 – REPORTS

5. **Executive Committee** – Chair Henry reported on the Executive Committee Meeting on April 15, 2021. He briefed highlights and noted the Annual Business Meeting will be held in-person this year with a virtual option for Commissioners that indicated they would be unable to attend. He stated MIC3 will undergo an Operations Audit later this year under the auspices of the Finance Committee.

6. **2020-2021 Activities** – ED Imai reviewed the staff activities which included trainings, state council meetings the National Office has staffed, attended, briefed or ED Imai briefed at conferences. The document also included new partnerships established with other organizations such as Partners in Promise. ED Imai noted she has quarterly meetings with the U.S. Department of Education Military Affairs Team.

ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

7. **Month of the Military Child (April – Purple Up!)** – Chair Henry thanked everyone for their work on Month of the Military Child. He said a commissioner contacted him regarding the hash tags used, in their opinion, the hash tags utilized by the Commission are too long and inconsistent. He noted it is something the Committee can review for next year.

8. ED Imai noted due to the Committee's work in February to release the information earlier than previous years, the Commission was able to share more communications related to Month of the Military Child. She recommended reviewing the documents in January 2022 to provide additional time for state planning. She praised Commissioner Bullard for the video Kentucky produced celebrating military children in conjunction with the Governor's office.

9. **Successful Compact Transitions Program** – Chair Henry pointed out the deadlines for submitting videos for the Successful Compact Transitions Program. No videos have been received to date, and he attributed this to the pandemic.

ITEM 7 – NEW BUSINESS

10. **Training Committee Survey Results** – Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow reviewed the responses from the Committee's Training Survey which resulted in 24 responses out of 52 - an average response rate. She noted further research would be conducted on Virginia's George Mason University to develop online learning modules. She noted some states, such as Hawaii and Virginia, have a military liaison position which might be listed as a best practice for disseminating training. Moving forward, The Committee agreed to develop short training videos, with the first to hopefully launch at ABM.

11. ED Imai noted the Commission distributes approximately 21,000 units of training materials each year. She added School Liaison Officers will now be referred to as School Liaisons per an update from Chuck Clymer and the U.S. Department of Defense (USDOD).

12. **Commissioner Toolkit** – Under the strategic plan, ED Imai reported the Committee is tasked to assemble information for Commissioners to implement the Compact. She reported the Training Committee had released their Commissioner Toolkit and it made sense to update this resource instead of creating a new product. She reviewed the Commissioner Training Toolkit. The Committee approved the updates, which include new webinars, USDOD resources, and a final draft will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

13. **Draft Letter** – The Committee reviewed the template of a letter that can be sent to all State Commissioners with the updated Toolkit. The Committee agreed that the two documents fulfill what they requested. ED Imai said the toolkit graphic will be revised and presented at the next meeting for approval.

ITEM 8 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. **2021 ABM** – The 2021 ABM will be held in Little Rock, AR. It will be November 4-5, 2021 with the Friday likely being a half day. ED Imai asked commissioners to plan to arrive on November 3rd. The registration information will be released in June or July.

15. **State Compact Statute** – ED Imai reminded commissioners that the State Compact Statute must remain as a standalone statute and cannot be combined with other state statute. As it is a contract among states, the legislation must remain identical. An issue recently arose in Arkansas in which a legislator sponsored legislation which rescinded their Compact and combined the compact statute with two other statutes. The state was unaware that this would jeopardize Arkansas' membership. ED Imai worked with General Counsel Rick Masters and a Mr. Fred Knight from the Nurses Licensure Compact to meet and discuss concerns with members of the Arkansas House and Senate Education committees, Governor's office, State Attorney General, and the Department of Education. As a result, the sponsor modified their bill and the Compact statute remained standalone and intact.

16. ED Imai reminded Commissioners that in alignment with the State Coordination Policy 1-2017, agenda, minutes, and end-of-year reports are due at the end of June. The Compliance Committee tracks this information, she advised members to contact staff if assistance is needed.

17. ED Imai reviewed the new School Liaison page on the MIC3 website which includes service branch directories. She said the next phase is for the school liaisons and their contact information to be added to each state's page.

ITEM 9 – ADJOURNMENT

18. With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Hardin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion carried and Chair Henry adjourned the meeting at 2:47 PM EST.