

STATE COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

MINUTES

April 6, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Submarine Force Library and Museum

Members Present: Valerie Nelson, Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Bob Ross, Laura Anastasio
Non-voting members: Captain Paul Whitesell, Miranda Chapman, Louis Tallarita
Also Attending: Dr. Susan Austin, Captain Joseph Smith, U.S. Coast Guard, LCDR Mike Nalli,
U.S. Coast Guard, Dr. Nicolas J. Spera

1. The minutes of the October 6, 2016 meeting were approved.
2. Report of the MIC-3 Annual Meeting in Florida.
The MIC-3 is focusing more on serving families, outreach, training and supporting state efforts now that the goal of 50 +1 has been reached. To further that end, the Commission reviewed and is beginning to implement the strategic plan introduced at the 2016 meeting. The MIC-3 also reviewed and tabled the proposed rule change for temporary housing, and is revising the state council handbook. DOD has put in place a process for naming DOD Liaisons to each state council—Connecticut now has the commander of the NLON submarine base named as the DOD Liaison, which will allow for a smooth transition with a change of command. MIC-3 is also developing a case study template to allow for state councils to share experiences in applying the compact to specific situations.
3. Proposed rule change update. MIC-3 is currently considering a rule change to formalize a process for collecting information annually from each state to assure that each state has a compact commissioner, a state council (with the council members named), and has held at least two state council meetings. The rule will likely be brought up for review at the next meeting.
4. Next MIC-3 Meeting in Providence, RI. It will be held on October 24th through the 27th at the Renaissance Providence Downtown. Since the location is within driving distance, if state council members wish to attend, they would be very welcome! The best day for state council members to attend would be on the 25th (for the new commissioner training meeting) or the 26th, which is the full day of the Commission meeting with break-out sessions. CT is a co-host of the event, and therefore we would like to entertain ideas for Connecticut to contribute—by student artwork, pins/coins from the submarine base or any other ideas would be helpful!
5. Addition of representative from the Coast Guard Academy as a non-voting member. Ms. Anastasio has requested DOD to approve the Coast Guard to send a representative to the state council. She has not received a response as of yet.
6. Announcements: Month of the Military Child Activities.