

**Family Mediator Certification Board**  
**Public Minutes**  
**February 8, 2022, at 4:15**  
**7 Eagle Square, Concord**

A meeting of the Certified Family Mediators was held on February 8, 2022. The meeting was called to order by F. Lane at 4:23 p.m. Also in attendance were R. Hunt, T. Cooper, L. Aaby, M. Sargent, and K. Noyes. J. Lemire via Zoom. Attending from the OPLC was C. Horne, C. Senko, A. Czechowicz and S. Warriner.

**1. Reading and Approval of the December 7, 2021, Minutes-** F. Lane made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2021, meeting. M. Sargent seconded and motion passes with roll call vote.

**2. New Business-**

- a. Discussion with Joe Shoemaker- 91-A, Quorum, and Board Process. J. Shoemaker attended the meeting to answer questions from Board members relating to process and function. J. Shoemaker also confirmed that an individual can submit paperwork to be on a Board directly to the governor's office. Informed the Board that a quorum is 6 people and they could elect a vice-chair if they chose to.
- b. Memo from Honey Hastings related to Board structure and process, and consideration of approval. Memo was from December 1, 2021 and will be tabled until next meeting.
- c. Discussion of the status of pending Internship Bill, and consideration of Board approval of the Bill and authorization of Board members to testify at Legislative hearings. Honey Hastings, provided the Board with an update regarding legislation applicable to the Board. This included the status of SB336, relative to family mediator interns. Upon a motion by L. Aaby, with a second by M. Sargent, the Board voted to support the legislative changes outlined in SB336, motion passe with a roll call vote.
- d. Memo from Honey Hastings related to Board quorum and consideration of Board approval to testify at legislative hearings on behalf of the Board. Upon a motion by R. Hunt, with a second by T. Cooper, the Board voted to allow Board members to testify in legislative hearings on behalf of the Board. Motion passes with roll call vote.
- e. Question from NHCRA – Can Mediator's view and receive continuing education credits for recorded approved courses? In order to qualify for continuing education in Mediation Skills, the course would need to have been taken live. If it is a skills course, a recorded version would be counted as "other" Additional trainings would be acceptable if the recording a live course was viewed at a later date for up to 1 year. C. Horne to draft a response and send to F. Lane for review.
- f. Fam 803.01 – L. Aaby made a motion to adopt FAM 803.01 seconded by T. Cooper motion passes with roll call vote.

**3. Unfinished Business-**

- a. Follow up question on RSA 328-C:2 (IV), (V)- Certified Mediator Definition – This change will be addressed in the next legislative session. No Board action required at this time.

#### **4. Continuing Education Approval Requests-**

- a. Digital Assets in Divorce, 1 hr. legal update. R. Hunt made a motion to approve this course. L. Aaby seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- b. In the Time of Politic and Pandemics 1 hr. med. skills. R. Hunt made a motion to approve with correction of 1 hr. changed to 2 hr. seconded by L. Aaby motion passes with roll call vote.
- c. Two Household Families and the New Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, 1 hr. Med. Skills and 1 hr. Legal Update. R. Hunt made a motion to approve this course. L. Aaby seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- d. Parenting Through a Pandemic: The Do's and Don'ts of Being Stuck in the House, 1.5 hrs. Family relationships. T. Cooper made a motion to TABLE this application and request additional information from the applicant. R. Hunt seconded, motion passes with a roll call vote.
- e. Resilience: The Art of Bouncing Back During Covid-19, 1.5 hrs. Family Relationships. T. Cooper made a motion to TABLE this application and request additional information from the applicant. R. Hunt seconded, motion passes with a roll call vote.

#### **5. Non-Public Session-**

- a. At 5:33 p.m., upon the motion of J. Lemire and the second of T. Cooper the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 4:46 p.m. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 118 N.H.574(1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous vote of all members present.
- b. Upon return to public session at 5:49 p.m. L. Aaby made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. K. Noyes seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

#### **6. Board Communication-** None

7. **Adjournment-** At 5:51 p.m., upon a motion by T. Cooper, with a second by R. Hunt, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting: April 5, 2022, at 4:15 p.m.