

Family Mediator Certification Board

Public Minutes

121 South Fruit Street, Concord

A meeting of the Family Mediator Certification Board was held on June 27, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 4:30p.m. by Chairperson M. Rousseau. Also in attendance were: R. Cram, L. Aaby, C. Dochstader, S. Towle, A. Matrumalo and M. Ciocca. Not present were M. Garner, E. Jasina, C. Sadler and P. Goldsmith. Also in attendance was administrator for the Board C. Horne and member of the public Honey Hastings.

1. Reading and Approval of May 2, 2017 Minutes-

a. Public Minutes- S.Towle made a motion to approve the minutes as written, M. Ciocca seconded, R. Cram abstained, all in favor, motion passes.

2. Continuing Education Approval Requests-

a. Working with Batterers in Mediation-3 DV CEUs- Approved

b. Rebuilding Financially After Domestic Violence-2 DV CEUs-Approved with M. Rousseau, S. Towle and A. Matrumalo abstaining.

c. Ethics in Mediation-Webinar-2 Med. Ethics CEUs-Staff will request a course outline with timelines and handouts on this course.

d. The Division of Retirements and Pensions in Mediation- 4 Med. Skills CEUs-Approved

e. Changes in Parental Rights & Responsibilities Act, Other Recent Legislation and Supreme Court Cases- 3 Legal Update CEUs- Approved

f. Drafting Comprehensive Agreements in Complex Cases-3 Legal Update CEUs & 3 Other CEUs- Approved

g. The Ethics of App-Assisted Family Mediation-1.5 CEUS- Staff will request handouts and a course outline with timelines.

Board discussed what should be approved for webinars. Webinars sometimes do not have an outline or a bio of the presenters which makes it difficult to determine what should be approved.

3. Rules- The Board is concerned that the rules will not be ready before they expire in April. Staff will speak with Attorney Lamberti and work with him to have the draft of the 200s ready for the Board to look over prior to the next meeting.

Board also talked about the public comment time period and making sure the certified mediators have a chance to comment. A discussion was held regarding possibly posting on

Honey Hastings list serve as well the NHCRA website, which can be a way to make sure mediators know about any upcoming rule changes. The Family Mediator website will have the proposed rules posted for viewing once they are available.

Honey Hasting had some questions regarding the rules pertaining to 405.05(b). The requirement of who can teach a DV course. After reading over the rules and reading Honey's letter to the Board, it is determined that a person can qualify to teach a DV course if they meet 1, 2, or 3; not having to meet 2 out of the 3 of the listed requirements.

4. Board Communication-

- a. Renewal notices have gone out to 4 Family Mediators- This was an FYI for the Board.

Honey Hastings left the meeting at 5:32

5. Non-Public Session-

- a. Upon the motion of L. Aaby and the second of M. Ciocca, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 5:35 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-C. Dochstader made a motion to seal the non-public minutes, A. Matrumalo seconded, roll call vote, all in favor, motion passes.

6. Adjournment-

- a. The next meeting will be held on July 11, 2017. If the Board does not have a quorum on that date staff will contact the Board members about having the meeting on July 18, 2017.
- b. S. Towle made a motion to adjourn at 5:50 p.m., C. Dochstader seconded, all in favor, motion passes.