

Family Mediator Certification Board
Public Minutes

July 10, 2018 at 4:15 p.m.
121 South Fruit Street, Concord

A meeting of the Family Mediator Certification Board was held on July 10, 2018. The Meeting was called to order at 4:24p.m. by M. Rousseau. Also in attendance were A. Matrumalo, C. Dochstader, L. Aaby, S. Towle, E Jasina and T. Cooper Not present were M. Garner and M. Ciocca. In attendance from OPLC were C. Horne and Attorney Robert Lamberti. Honey Hastings was present as a member of the public.

1. Public Hearing on the Proposed Family Mediator Certification Rules- the Board received a few comments on the proposed rules. Honey Hastings went over her comments. Judge Kelly submitted a letter to the Board, A. Matrumalo also submitted comments. Attorney Lamberti has received all the comments and will continue to accept them until July 20, 2018. Once the comment period is over the Board will receive JLCARs comments.

Attorney Lamberti went over the time frame for the new rules. The Board will need to consider all the comments at the next meeting. Then vote on the final proposal that will go to JLCAR on August 2. The current rules expire on October 1, 2018. If the Board continues with their regular schedule of meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, they will be 1 day with expired rules.

Honey Hastings asked about the Mediators who will need to renew in the transition time of the old rules and the new. There will not be any approved classes of the new core requirements available yet. The new rules will also affect any new applications that may come in. Attorney Lamberti will see if there is a way to put a “waiver “ for those will be in that limbo time period. Staff sent out 4 renewals so the Board may need to handle them on a case by case issue. If they are in before the new rules take effect they will be bound by the current rules.

2. Reading and approval of the May 1, 2018 Minutes- C. Dochstader made a motion to approve the minutes as written S. Towle seconded, T. Cooper and E. Jasina abstain and motion passes.

3. Continuing Education Approval Requests-

- a. Attitudinal Healing-2 Skills,10 Other- denied, Board felt this did not relate to family mediation
- b. Dispute Resolution Clinic-10 Ethics- Board needs more information before approving this course.
- c. 18th Annual Family Law Forum- approved for 1.5 Legal updates, 2.5 Other CEUs
- d. Using the Alimony Reform Act: A Guide for Mediators and Lawyers-approved for 3 Mediator Skills CEUs
- e. Exploring Diversity through a Domestic Violence Lens-approved for 4 DV, 2 Other CEUs-
- f. Advanced Family Law- Board needs more information before approving this course.

4. **Unfinished Business-** none

5. **New Business-**none

6. **Communication General-** none

7. **Board Communication-**

- a. John Durkin asking for extension to complete his CEUs- L. Aaby made a motion to approve John Durkin's request 60 days to complete his CEUs. T. Cooper seconded, all in favor and motion passes.
- c. Arvin McIntire asking for a waiver to complete her CEUs- Once she submits more information on her pending CEUs she can complete her renewal.
- d. Board Chairs meeting with Peter Danles- noted

8. **Non-Public Session-**

- a. Upon the motion of S. Towle and the second of E. Jasina, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 5:36 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, E. Jasina seconded, roll call vote, all in favor, motion passes.

9. **Adjournment-**

Staff will reach out to the Board members to try and get a date between July 21, 2018 and August 1, 2018 to find a date that the Board will have a quorum of Board members to meet and go over the rule comments and vote on a final proposal.

S. Towle made a motion to adjourn at 5:55, C. Dochstader seconded, all in favor and meeting adjourned.