

Family Mediator Certification Board

Public Minutes

December 4, 2018 at 4:15

121 South Fruit Street, Concord

A meeting of the Family Mediator Certification Board was held on December 4, 2018. The Meeting was called to order at 4:26 p.m. by M. Rousseau. Also in attendance were A. Matrumalo, S. Towle, E. Jasina, T. Cooper, P. Goldsmith, M. Garner and L. Aaby. C. Dochstader called in at 5:25 p.m. Not present were R. Cram and M. Ciocca. In attendance from OPLC were Chris Horne and Joe Shoemaker. Present as a member of the public was Honey Hastings.

1. Reading and approval of the November 6, 2018 Minutes- M. Garner made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 6, 2018 meeting. P. Goldsmith seconded, all in favor and motion passes.

2. Continuing Education Approval Requests-

- a. Tax issues in Divorce- And We Will Still Talk About Money-3 Legal Updates, 3 Other- approved

3. Unfinished Business-

- a. Vote to Adopt the 800s- E. Jasina made a motion to approve the 800s for adoption. T. Cooper seconded. All in favor and motion passes.

4. New Business-

- a. SB 334-FN-reciprocity for Mediators- Joe Shoemaker explained that SB 334 is for professions that do not have reciprocity in their rules or statutes. This law is meant to open up licensure with other states without it taking a significant amount of time. With this law anyone from another state who sends in a completed application will be licensed by OPLC, not the Board. That person will be able to practice in this state for 120 days while the Board evaluates their application and makes a decision on whether or not to certify that person.

This new law takes effect January 1, 2019. M. Rousseau will work with staff to look at other states to see how comparable their certification process is to NH. If that state's requirements do not meet NH's, they will be listed as not meeting requirements. The Board will need to take formal votes on each state.

The OPLC is going to add a link to the website with the states that are comparable and not comparable to NHs. As this Board receives applications from other states they will need to evaluate that state.

- b. Continuing Education Requirements- The Board reviewed a proposal from Honey Hastings on how to handle the individuals who will be up for renewal and may not have had time to get the new course requirement done.

The Board will need to check with counsel to see if an emergency rule can be written to allow the Board to grant those individuals a waiver until they take the course, if not the Board will need guidance on how to proceed.

This will be a topic agenda for next month

c. People willing to take on interns- Staff will send an email to all mediators asking who is willing to take on an intern. Staff will also attach the rules for mediators to see the criteria that is required before you can take on an intern.

d. Guidance on how to host training- Staff will reach out to her and give her the form to get a course approved. The form lists what is required to present a course. Staff will also send her the rules pertaining to the course approval section.

5. Communication General- none

6. Board Communication-

- a. Family Mediator new forms reflecting rules changes have gone on the website. There is also notification regarding the new rules and continuing education requirements.
- b. New rules are updated on the website and General Courts site.
- c. Board member vacancies- Fran Lane has submitted his application to NHCRA to be able to on this Board. Staff spoke with the Mental Health Boards Administrator for some names. Her Board chair will get back to her. Still need a public member.

7. Non-Public Session-

a. Upon the motion of M. Garner and the second of T. Cooper, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 5:20 p.m. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 118N.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 6:15 p.m. P. Goldsmith made a motion to seal the minutes, M. Rousseau seconded, roll call vote and motion passes

8. Adjournment-

- a. The Next meeting will be on January 8, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.
- b. M. Garner made a motion to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. E. Jasina seconded, all in favor, motion passes and meeting adjourned.