

Family Mediator Certification Board

Public Minutes

January 8, 2018 at 4:15

121 South Fruit Street, Concord

A meeting of the Family Mediator Certification Board was held on January 8, 2019. The Meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by M. Rousseau. Also in attendance were A. Matrumalo, S. Towle, E. Jasina, P. Goldsmith, L. Aaby and C. Dochstader. Not present were M. Garner, T. Cooper R. Cram and M. Ciocca. In attendance from OPLC was Chris Horne.

1. Reading and approval of the December 4, 2018 Minutes- P. Goldsmith made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 4, 2018 meeting with a few corrections. S. Towle seconded, C. Dochstader abstained and motion passes.

2. Continuing Education Approval Requests-

- a. Florida Parenting Class-4 CEUs- approved 4 family dynamics CEUs
- b. Hope Starts Here- The Prevention Connection- 6 CEUs-approved 4 family dynamics CEUs
- c. The Child Impact Seminar/ Class- 4CEUs-approved 4 family dynamics CEUs
- d. One Heart, Two Homes: Co-parenting Kids of Divorce to a Positive Future- 4 CEUs-approved 4 family dynamics CEUs
- e. Families and Addiction- 3CEUs-approved 4 family dynamics CEUs

3. Unfinished Business-

- a. First proofing of the 800s is complete -noted

4. New Business-

a. SB 334-FN-reciprocity for Mediators- staff made a listing of state's that had no certification or licensing program for the Board to vote on whether or not to accept reciprocity from them. P. Goldsmith made a motion to not accept reciprocity from those states. A. Matrumalo seconded, all in favor to not accept reciprocity from these states: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Montana, New Mexico, Ohio, Wyoming, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Staff also made a listing of those state's whose requirements were well below NH's requirements to be a certified family mediator. P. Goldsmith made a motion to not accept reciprocity from these states. E. Jasina seconded and all in favor of not accepting reciprocity from these state's: Alabama, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Dakota, Wisconsin, California, Delaware, New York, Utah, Texas, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Nebraska and Michigan.

Staff worked with M. Rousseau to put together a spreadsheet of those state's that may be comparable. After the Boards review of the spreadsheet, knowing there was more work to be done the Board took a vote with P. Goldsmith making a motion that after review of the other state's certification and licensing requirements the Board determined that no state is comparable to New Hampshire in education, training, experience and scope of practice. Therefore the Board will not grant reciprocity under SB332-G:13. The Board will evaluate each application on a case by case basis as we receive them. S. Towle motioned yes and C. Dochstader seconded and the Board unanimously agreed

b. People willing to take on interns- only 5 mediators responded. Staff will send the email to all mediators to see if anyone else is willing to take on an intern. December was a busy month and maybe some people missed the email that was sent out.

To show which mediators are willing to take on interns the posting on the website will have an asterisk next to their names and a note at the bottom of the page.

c. Financial Interest Statements- noted and received from the remaining Board members.

5. Communication General-

a. Copies of new rules and Disciplinary procedures – all Board members received a copy of the rules as approved and adopted. Staff also sent a PDF of the AGs Board training on disciplinary proceedings.

b. Posting of Settlement Agreements on the Website - The Board would like to discuss this next month in more depth with Joe Shoemaker. The Board does not want to have to post settlement agreements on the website.

6. Board Communication-

a. Board member vacancies- noted

1. Francis Lane-staff has been in contact with him. His position would be the replacement for C. Dochstader.
2. Lynn Aaby- would like to continue as a Board member.
3. Mental Health Professional- vacant position. Staff has reached out to the Mental Health Board. No names yet
4. Public Member- R. Cram's position is still vacant.

7. Non-Public Session-

a. Upon the motion of L Aaby and the second of S. Towle, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 5:30 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 6:05 p.m. S. Towle made a motion to seal the minutes, P. Goldsmith seconded, roll call vote and motion passes

8. Adjournment-

Next Meeting February 5, 2019

P. Goldsmith made a motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. S. Towle seconded, all in favor and meeting adjourned.