

Family Mediator Certification Board

Public Minutes

April 2, 2019 at 4:15

121 South fruit Street, Concord

A meeting of the Family Mediator Certification Board was held on April 2, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by P. Goldsmith. Also in attendance were S. Towle, T. Cooper, E Jasina, A. Matrumalo and F. Lane. Not present was M. Rousseau, L. Aaby, M. Garner R. Cram, and M. Ciocca. In attendance from OPLC was C. Horne.

1. Welcome and Introductions to Board Member- Introductions from all members welcoming Francis Lane.

2. Reading and Approval of the March 5, 2019 Minutes- S. Towle made a motion to approve the minutes as written. A. Matrumalo seconded, F. Lane and E. Jasina abstain and motion passes.

3. Continuing Education Approval Requests-

a. Divorce Tax Planning- approved for 3 Legal and 5 other, the rules require 16 hours to be live CEUs. This leaves only 8 continuing education hours that can be from other means of learning.

b. Mandatory Arbitratory Training 2018- .5 Ethics, .5 Skills- prior to the meeting staff requested more information.

c. Mandatory Arbitratory Training 2017- .5 Ethics, .5 Skills- prior to the meeting staff requested more information.

d. Emerging Issues & MDT Response in Child Abuse Training- 1D.V., 2 Family Dynamics, 4 Other- approved

e. National Child Welfare Conference, 2017-1.5 D.V., 6.5 Legal Update, 5 Family Dynamics, 9.75 Other- this course was denied. It was not clear from the materials what was taken the times for each section.

f. Maine CADRES- Mediation Training- 1.5 Ethics, 15.5 Skills, 1 D.V.- Board approved the 1.5 Ethics. The rest of the course was denied. A Board member has attended this in the past and did not feel that the course meets the standards of the family mediator certification Board. When the Board member attended there was no skills component.

4. Unfinished Business-

5. New Business- After reviewing the continuing education requests the Board has noticed that by taking out the agenda as a requirement, it is more difficult for the Board to know where the breakdown of time should be. Board will be discussing additions to the newly adopted rules at upcoming meetings.

Board has also noted that there was no breakdown for the family dynamics section in the rules as there are for the other required areas. Staff will review the draft copies on file to confirm there was no section drafted for family dynamics.

Board also discussed continuing education approvals. Whether a class is being submitted as a hybrid class or as a course an individual took to get credit and they feel it was in a variety of areas. Not all submissions for approval are required to be a hybrid. This should be a discussion at an upcoming meeting for clarification. F. Lane pointed out that the burden of the breakdown requested is on the mediator to show why they requested a certain amount of time.

6. Communication General- Staff updated the Board on OPLC staff individual who will be doing website updates. He has a number of requests for the agency and will complete them as soon as he is able.

7. Board Communication-

a. Board member vacancies- noted

1. Mental Health Professional- vacant position. Staff has reached out to the Mental Health Board. No names yet.

2. Public Member- R. Cram's position is still open

b. Certified Family Mediators- the listing of certified mediators will be updated accurately reflecting those who are not renewing as soon as we are able to have this done.

8. Non-Public Session-

a. Upon the motion of T. Cooper and the second of S. Towle, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 5:10 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 5:35 p.m. S. Towle made a motion to seal the minutes, T. Cooper seconded, roll call vote and motion passes.

9. Adjournment- S. Towle made a motion to adjourn at 6:02, F. Lane seconded, all in favor and meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting May 7, 2019