

Family Mediator Certification Board

Public Minutes

May 7, 2019 at 4:15

121 South Fruit Street, Concord

A meeting of the family mediators was held on May 7, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by M. Rousseau. Also in attendance were E. Jasina, A. Matrumalo, S. Towle, F. Lane P. Goldsmith and T. Cooper. In attendance from OPLC was C. Horne.

2. Reading and Approval of the April 2, 2019 Minutes- P. Goldsmith made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2019 meeting. F. Lane seconded, M. Rousseau abstains and motion passes.

3. Continuing Education Approval Requests-

a. National Child Welfare Conference- 1.5 DV, 6.5 Legal Update, 5 Family Dynamics, 9.75 Other- need more information about the courses taken, a certificate of attendance if provided. Todd Prevett asked to meet with the Board if this course wasn't approved. Board has agreed he may come to the next meeting.

b. Mandatory Arbitratory Training 2018- .5 Ethics, .5 Skills- .5 ethics approved, Board does not feel a webinar has a skills component.

c. Mandatory Arbitratory Training 2017- .5 Ethics, .5 Skills- .5 ethics approved, Board does not feel a webinar has a skills component.

d. Top Challenges in Family Law- 1 Ethics, 2.5 Legal Update, 1.45 Family Dynamics, .45 Other approved for 1 Ethics, .50 Legal Update, 1.45 Family Dynamics and 2.45 Other

e. Male Victims of DV & LGBTQ Survivors-3 DV- approved 3 Domestic Violence
Employment ADR-1.5 Other- need more information for this section
Parenting Aspects to Consider with Incarcerated Parties-1.5 Family Dynamics- need more information for this section

4. Unfinished Business- none

5. New Business-

a. Family Dynamics Breakdown- M. Rousseau made a motion that the rules do need a breakdown of the family dynamics section. F. Lane seconded, all in favor and motion passes. A. Matrumalo made a motion to make it a priority at the next meeting to work on a breakdown. M. Rousseau seconded, all in favor and motion passes. Board members will come to the meeting with ideas on what to list for the section.

b. Continuing Education Approval- discussion on Hybrid classes and classes being submitted by a mediator for approval for renewal purposes.

c. Possible addition to the rules of an agenda or a written breakdown of time- a requirement for a breakdown of time needs to be added back into the rules. This will also be worked on at an upcoming meeting.

d. Minor error in Fam 804.01(a)- F. Lane made a motion to remove “the family” from the Fam 804.01(a) section. It appears to have put there in error. P. Goldsmith seconded, all in favor and motion passes.

6. Communication General- none

7. Board Communication

a. Board member vacancies- A. Matrumalo let the Board know he would be interested in being reappointed when his term is up on the Board.

1. Mental Health Professional- vacant position. F. Lane will speak with someone he knows to see if they may be interested. They would need to contact staff to get the information on what they will need to submit.

2. Public Member- R. Cram’s position is still vacant.

b. Certified Family Mediators- currently there are 60 certified family mediators

8. Non-Public Session

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

9. Adjournment- P. Goldsmith made a motion to adjourn at 5:43 p.m. M. Rousseau seconded, all in favor and meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting June 4, 2019