

Family Mediator Certification Board

Public Minutes

November 5, 2019 At 4:15

121 South Fruit Street, Concord

A meeting of the family mediators was held on November 5, 2019. The meeting was called to order by M. Rousseau at 4:24 p.m. also in attendance were P. Goldsmith, T. Prevett, L. Aaby, E. Jasina, J. Summerlin, A. Matrumalo, F. Lane and T. Cooper. Not present was M. Garner. Attending from the OPLC were C. Horne and J. Shoemaker.

1. Welcome to New Board Members- brief introductions all around

- a. Joanna Summerlin
- b. Todd Prevett-

2. Reading and Approval of the October 1, 2019 Minutes- F. Lane made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting. P. Goldsmith seconded, L. Aaby abstains and motion passes.

3. New Business-

- a. Supervised Visitation Information for Mediators- The Board reviewed the information from the Waypoint visitation center. This information will be emailed to all certified family mediators and it will be posted on the website.
- b. Vote to adopt the rules changes to 400 Continuing Education- A. Matrumalo made a motion to adopt the rules changes. F. Lane seconded, P. Goldsmith and T. Cooper abstain and motion passes.
- c. The Board will need to find a solution to 804.01 (a)(b) that states “in person mediation” and “meeting separately and privately”. Many courts have been assigning phone screenings and mediators are doing them. When the rules state something different. Board will discuss at a future meeting. The phone screening goes against the rules as written. Staff will speak with Heather Kulp and send an email to all the mediators to make them aware of the rules on this issue.
- d. Request from Honey Hastings- the Board reviewed the request as well as the original settlement agreement. The Board acknowledges that Honey has done a lot for the profession. P. Goldsmith made a motion to not revisit the settlement agreement. T. Cooper seconded, T. Prevett, F. Lane, A. Matrumalo and E. Jasina abstain and motion passes.

4. Continuing Education Approval Requests-

a. Interpersonal/ Domestic Violence- 2 DV CEUs- A. Matrumalo made a motion to approve this course for 2 DV CEUs, L. Aaby seconded, all in favor and motion passes.

b. Family Division Case Manager & Divorce / Parenting Mediators-.5 Ethics, 2.5 Skills, .5 DV, .75 Legal Update, .75 Family Dynamics- P. Goldsmith made a motion to approve

this course for everything except the .5 DV. The Board feels that more information is needed on the qualifications of Heather Kulp to be a DV trainer. T. Cooper seconded, F. Lane and L. Aaby abstain and motion passes. Staff will send a letter to Heather asking for more information about her DV training credentials.

c. Impasse Breaking Skills for Mediators and Advocates: Traps Tips and Tools- 2 Ethics, 1.5 Skills, 2.75 Other- P. Goldsmith made a motion to approve this course as submitted, T. Cooper seconded, M. Rousseau abstained as the person who submitted the course, and motion passes.

5. Unfinished Business- none

6. Communication General-

7. Board Communication-

a. Board member vacancies-

1. Mental Health Professional- Susan Towle's information is with the Governor's office.
2. Attorney Member-Peter Goldsmith's information is with the Governor's office
3. NHCRA Member- Anthony Matrumalo has an interview with NHCRA on November 13th

8. Non-Public Session-

a. Upon the motion of P. Goldsmith and the second of T. Prevett, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 5:56 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 P. Goldsmith made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. T. Prevett seconded, roll call vote, and motion passes.

9. Adjournment- Next Meeting December 3, 2019

A. Matrumalo made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. T. Prevett seconded, all in favor and meeting adjourned.