

Family Mediator Certification Board

Public Minutes

January 7, 2020 At 4:15

121 South Fruit Street, Concord

A meeting of the family mediators was held on January 7, 2020 The meeting was called to order by M. Rousseau at 4:50 p.m. also in attendance were P. Goldsmith, L. Aaby, E. Jasina, F. Lane, A. Matrumalo and T. Cooper. Not present was M. Garner, J. Summerlin, C. Wallace and T. Prevet. Attending from the OPLC were C. Horne and J. Shoemaker.

1. Welcome to New Board Members- next meeting

2. Reading and Approval of the November 5, 2019 Minutes- L. Aaby made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2019 meeting. F. Lane seconded and motion passes.

3. Non-Public Session-

a. Upon the motion of L. Aaby and the second of F. Lane, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 4:55 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 at 5:40 p.m. F. Lane made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. E. Jasina seconded, roll call vote, and motion passes.

4. Continuing Education Approval Requests- none

5. Unfinished Business-

a. Discussion on Fam 804.01(a)(b) Requirement to screen- Board reviewed and discussed the letter sent by Heather Kulp. The Board understands the need for phone screening but the need for safety should come first. There are times when in-person is not possible. The language in the rule will be changed to add in reasons for not doing an in person screening.

Fam 804.01 (a)In every case a certified family mediator shall engage in routine screening for domestic violence prior to starting substantive mediation. Whenever possible in-person screening shall take place unless one of the parties is:

1. incapacitated
2. out of state
3. incarcerated
4. or by motion of the court

The screening shall be part of mediation proceeding and shall be confidential pursuant to RSA 328-C:9,I.

6. Communication General-

7. Board Communication-

a. Financial Interest Statement- noted that it needs to be completed and returned.

b. Board member vacancies-

1. Attorney Member-Peter Goldsmith's information is with the Governor's office.
2. NHCRA Member- Mary Sargent was nominated by NHCRA. Her nomination to the Board by G & C on December 18, Confirmation to the Board will be on January 8th. Her First meeting will be February 4, 2020
3. Mike Garner's term was up in April 2019

c. Certified Family Mediator Listing is at 55

9. Adjournment- Next Meeting February 4, 2020

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