

Family Mediator Certification Board

Public Minutes

February 4, 2020 At 4:15

121 South Fruit Street, Concord

A meeting of the family mediators was held on February 4, 2020 The meeting was called to order by M. Rousseau at 4:20 p.m. also in attendance were E. Jasina, Joanna Summerlin, M. Sargent and T. Prevett. Not in attendance were M. Garner, T. Cooper, F. Lane, C. Wallace, P. Goldsmith and L. Aaby. Attending from the OPLC was C. Horne and Attorney Broderick.

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

2. Reading and Approval of the January 7, 2020 Minutes- E. Jasina made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2020 meeting. J. Summerlin seconded, T. Prevett, M. Sargent and motion passes.

3. Unfinished Business-

- a. Adopt 400 rules changes and 800s rules changes made on November 5- Attorney Broderick discussed with the Board the rules changes from the November 5 that needed to be adopted by the Board. E. Jasina made a motion to adopt the changes. T. Prevett seconded, all in favor and motion passes.
- b. Changes to 804.01(a) (b)- The Board discussed changes that they would like made to 804.01(a). Attorney Broderick made note of the changes for the Board to review at the next meeting.

Fam 804.01 (a) In every case a certified family mediator shall engage in routine screening for domestic violence prior to starting substantive mediation. In-person screening shall be required in all instances unless:

- (1) One of the parties is:
 - a. out of state; or
 - b. incarcerated; or
- (2) By motion of the court

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

4. New Business- none

5. Continuing Education Approval Requests-

- a. Better Results for Financial Issues-3 hrs.- the Board needs more information to make a decision. Staff will send a letter requesting the necessary information.

- b. Family Law Updates, 2020-3 hrs.- Staff will send a letter asking for the course to be re-submitted at a later date as the course is about pending legislation.
- c. Human Right Commission Mediation Program-3 hrs.- T. Prevett made a motion to approve this course for 3 hrs. Other. J. Summerlin seconded, all in favor and motion passes.
- d. Opioid Clinics and Family Dynamics-Ethics-2hrs, Family Relationships-1 hr.- T. Prevett made a motion to approve this course for 1 hr. Mediator Skills and 2 hrs. Family Relationships. M. Rousseau seconded, all in favor and motion passes.

6. Non-Public Session-

- a. Upon the motion of T. Prevett and the second of E. Jasina, the Board, by roll call 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, 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.
- c. Upon return to public session at 5:35 p.m. E. Jasina made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. J. Summerlin seconded, roll call vote, and motion passes.

7. Board Communication- noted

- a. Mike Garner's term was up in April 2019
- b. Certified Family Mediator Listing is at 56

8. Adjournment- Next Meeting March 3, 2020

T. Prevett made a motion to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. J. Summerlin seconded, all in favor and meeting adjourned.