

Family Mediator Certification Board

**Public Minutes**

**Zoom Meeting**

May 5, 2020 At 1:00

121 South Fruit Street, Concord

A meeting of the family mediators was held on May 5, 2020 The meeting was called to order by E. Jasina at 1:07 p.m.as a Zoom meeting, also in attendance were Joanna Summerlin, F. Lane, M. Sargent, R. Hunt, Lynn Aaby, and T. Prevett. Not in attendance were M. Garner, C. Wallace, M. Rousseau and Tom Cooper. Attending from the OPLC was C. Horne. Also present were Caitlin Finn, Rachel Naugler, Karen Macnair, Joi Smith, Linda Douglas and Tony Matrumalo.

Prior to starting the agenda the state of emergency checklist for Zoom Board meetings was reviewed. This document stated the meeting information and how public was able to access.

**1. Reading and Approval of the April 10, 2020 Minutes-** F. Lane made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 10, 2020 meeting, M. Sargent seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

**2. Unfinished Business-**

- a. Fam 804.01 as submitted and approved- noted, Board discussed that virtual mediations may be something the Board will need to revisit in the rules for the future.
- b. Stephanie Beck-further information submitted- the Board discussed the information sent in. there appears to be many aspects of NH mediator certification missing, he Board I concerned that subject matter may change, there is no breakdown to each section being taught. E. Jasina made a motion to deny this course as not meeting the requirements of Family Mediator Certification Board. T. Prevett seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

**3. New Business-**

- a. Live Courses vs Live Zoom Courses- F. Lane made a motion to approve Zoom webinars as a live training, J. Summerlin seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.
- b. Crisis Center Advocates in Mediation- Board had a discussion with the crisis center advocates present about how important it is to allow advocates in mediation. Advocates that go to mediations are well trained. They provide emotional support for the individual. Advocates are bound by RSA 173-C which addresses confidentiality. Individuals have the right to an advocate. If both parties don't agree on then the mediation should not go forward.

Board would like to be informed if an advocate is denied access to a mediation. Fam 803.01 does allow for an advocates to be present. F. Lane made a motion to discuss at next month's meeting a way to inform all mediators of the expectations of allowing advocates in mediations. J. Summerlin seconded, E. Jasina opposed and roll call vote and motion passes.

Caitlin Finn, Rachel Naugler, Karen Macnair, Joi Smith, Linda Douglas and Tony Matrumalo. Leave the meeting at 1:43 p.m.

- c. Topics for discussion at the next meeting; Language in 803.01 referring to “a friend” in mediation and distinguish between a DV mediation and a regular mediation. The future of certified mediators and a discussion on certification trainings, can it be recorded. The need for new mediators.

#### **4. Continuing Education Approval Requests-**

- a. Developing Age-Appropriate Parenting Plans-As a Zoom Class- 3 hrs.- F. Lane made a motion to approve this course as a Zoom training, J. Summerlin seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.
- b. Domestic Violence and Ethics-Hybrid Zoom Class- 3 hrs.- F. Lane made a motion to approve this course as a Zoom training, J. Summerlin seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

#### **5. Non-Public Session-**

- a. Upon the motion of F. Lane and the second of J. Summerlin, the Board, by roll call voted to conduct a non-public session at 2:30 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 2:50 p.m. J. Summerlin made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. E. Jasina seconded, all in favor by roll call vote, and motion passes.

#### **6. Board Communication-** none

7. Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 p.m. the next meeting will be June 2, 2020 at 4:15 p.m.