

**Family Mediator Certification Board**  
**Public Minutes**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**June 2, 2020 At 4:15**  
**121 South Fruit Street, Concord**

A meeting of the family mediators was held on June 2 2020 The meeting was called to order by M. Rousseau at 4:20 p.m. also in attendance were E. Jasina, F. Lane, T. Cooper, R. Hunt, L. Aaby and T. Prevett. Not in attendance were M. Garner, C. Wallace, J. Summerlin, M. Sargent. Attending from the OPLC was C. Horne. Present as part of the public was Candace Dochstader and Anthony Matrumalo.

Prior to the agenda discussion M. Rousseau read a state of emergency checklist for Zoom Board meetings. This document stated the meeting information and how public was able to access.

**1. Reading and Approval of the May 5, 2020 Minutes-** F. Lane made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2020 meeting. T. Prevett seconded, T. Cooper and M. Rousseau abstain, and motion passes by a roll call vote.

**2. Unfinished Business-**

- a. Language in 803.01(a) (3)- E. Jasina made a motion to add an additional section to say: (4) In the event that either party objects to the presence of a friend, representative or advocate, then the mediation shall not proceed. F. Lane seconded, M. Rousseau abstains and motion passes by a roll call vote.

Staff will work with Attorney Broderick to have a draft for the Board to review at an upcoming meeting.

F. Lane suggested that a training on this would be very helpful to certified mediators.

- b. Adding Language to 800s to distinguish between a DV mediation and a regular mediation- no discussion to change language as the 800's is specific to domestic violence.
- c. Future of Certified Mediators and the need for Mediators- Future concern over the number of mediators who may retire in the near future.
- d. Certification Trainings –can they be recorded- Parts of the initial training could be recorded, however the course is based on participation. A virtual type training would possibly work.

**3. New Business-**

- a. SOE executive order #29- noted
- b. Email from Diane Kenty- Board will review email from Diane Kenty to determine if the program does meet NH requirements.

**4. Continuing Education Approval Requests-**

- a. Working Remotely: Ethical Considerations During and After COVID-19- 1 hr. Legal Update- L. Aaby made a motion to approve this course. T. Prevett seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.
- b. COVID-19 and Family Court- 2 hrs. Legal- T. Prevett made a motion to approve this course. M. Rousseau seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

**5. Non-Public Session-**

- a. Non-public session, authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, 118 N.H. 574 (1978) and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.
- b. Upon return to public session-vote to seal Non-Public minutes

**6. Board Communication- none**

**7. Adjournment- Next Meeting July 7, 2020**

F. Lane made a motion to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. L. Aaby seconded, all in favor and motion passes.