

Family Mediator Certification Board

Public Minutes

January 9, 2018 at 4:15

121 South Fruit Street, Concord

A meeting of the Family Mediator Certification Board was held on January 9, 2018. The Meeting was called to order at 4:18 by M. Rousseau. Also in attendance were A. Matrumalo, C. Dochstader, S. Towle, P. Goldsmith, M. Ciocca, T. Cooper, M. Garner and E. Jasina. Not present were L. Aaby and R. Cram. In attendance from OPLC was C. Horne.

1. Welcome to Thomas Cooper, Marital Master- The Board welcomed Master Cooper with introductions all around.

2. Reading and Approval of the December 5, 2017 Minutes- C. Dochstader made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2017 meeting as written. P. Goldsmith seconded, M. Rousseau, M. Ciocca and T. Cooper abstain, and motion passes.

3. Unfinished Business-

a. Continuation of rules discussion of the 300s and 400s- The Board went over some areas in the rules where they would like changes. Honey Hastings had also submitted some comments on the 300s and 400s. The Board would like to have a meeting with Attorney Lamberti present so he can answer questions that the Board has. Staff will contact Attorney Lamberti to find a date they will work. The Board would like to meet on January 23, 2018 at 4:15. This meeting will be just for rules.

Some areas the Board discussed were: Is the idea of increasing the number of hours for the initial training a good thing? Can the Board make the Domestic Violence guidelines part of the rules? There are mediators now who do not follow those guidelines. For the Mediators who take on interns give them credit for it. The Board feels that once the public sees the work that has been done to make the profession better the confidence in the Certified Mediators will increase. If the Board has a change they would like to make to the rules after they are completed, how long does that take?

P. Goldsmith made a motion to have a work group to work on the D. V. guidelines and the rules to incorporate them into the rules. C. Dochstader seconded, all in favor. Motion passes.

4. Communication General-

a. FMCB Course Approval Application Addendum- The Board would like to wait until the rules are completed before adding these to the course approval forms.

5. Continuing Education Approval Requests-

a. Protocols Relative to TPR, Surrender, Voluntary Mediation and Adoptions- 1.5 Med Ethics, 2.5 Med Skills, 1 Legal Update- Approved

b. Mediator Boot Camp-16 Med. Skills, 2 Med. Ethics- Approved

c. Family Law Mediation-3 DV, 2 Med. Ethics. 13 Med. Skills- Approved

d. What Family Mediators & Lawyers Need to Know About the New Tax Law-3 Legal Update- Approved

6. Board Communication-

a. Board Member Pamphlet- Staff handed out a copy of the Board Member pamphlet of the Do's and Don'ts for Board members.

b. Statement of Financial Interest Form- Staff made sure everyone turned in the form.

7. Non-Public Session-

a. Upon the motion of P. Goldsmith and the second of C. Dochstader, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 4:40 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-E. Jasina made a motion to seal the non-public minutes, M. Garner seconded, roll call vote, all in favor, motion passes.

8. Adjournment-

a. The next meeting will be February 6, 2018 at 4:15 p.m. There will also be a meeting on January 23, 2018 at 4:15 p.m. to go over the rules with Attorney Lamberti.

b. A. Matrumalo made a motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. P. Goldsmith seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.