

Family Mediator Certification Board

Public minutes

August 11, 2022, at 4:15 pm

7 Eagle Square, Concord

1. Reading and Approval of the February 8, 2022, Minutes- F. Lane made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. M. Sargent seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

2. Unfinished Business-

- a. Attorney Sheri Phillips- Questions from the Board- Attorney Phillips was available for comments on Board topics discussed.

3. New Business -

- a. Standing order on Failed or Returned Fees- M. Sargent made a motion to approve the standing order, R. Morley seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.
 - b. OPLC Complaint Process- noted and Board will be made aware of any complaints that do come in, discussed the process and how would a mediator respond when they are bound by confidentiality with their clients. This issue would have to be taken on a case-by-case basis.
 - c. Roundtable Mediation Annual Report- R, Hunt made a motion to approve the Annual report from Roundtable Mediation. K. Noyes seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.
 - d. Memo from Honey Hastings- reducing the size of the FMCB- Board discussed reducing the size of the Board to 6 members. 1 judge, 1 public member, 1 lawyer-who is not a mediator and 3 certified family mediators. Spoke about how many meetings, and if members miss more than 2 consecutive meetings, Board could seek removal of that Board member with governor and council. Also discussed the steps to reach the 6-member Board. This legislation would be presented in January. R. Hunt made a motion to approve this legislation with changes discussed. J. Lemire seconded, M. Sargent seconded and motion passes.
 - e. Board discussion of preferences regarding discussion of applications in Public or Non-Public sessions. Often discussion of an application goes into areas where it may affect the persons reputation. Confidential information is included in the application. discussion can be done in non-public and a vote in public session. This discussion is tabled until after the non-public session
 - f. Planning for the necessary modification to FMCB administrative rules to adopt changes to the internship application requirements consistent with the passing of SB 336. M. Sargent made a motion to delegate 1 Board member to work with OPLC to draft rules related to the passing of SB 336. R. Morley seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote. Honey Hastings will also work with OPLC and the Board member. This person would report back to the Board at each meeting.
- M. Sargent made amotion to appoint F. Lane to work with Tina Kelley and Honey Hastings. K. Noyes seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

4. Continuing Education Approval Requests-

- a. Parenting Through a Pandemic: The Do's and Don'ts of Being Stuck in the House, Sponsor-CADY, 1.5 hrs. Family relationships- additional information received- R. Hunt made a motion to approve this course, K. Noyes seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- b. Resilience: The Art of Bouncing Back During Covid-19, Sponsor CADY, 1.5 hrs. Family Relationships-additional information received- R. Hunt made a motion to approve this course, M. Sargent seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- c. QDRO Primer, Sponsor-Mary Sargent, 1 hr. Legal Update- R. Hunt made a motion to approve this course, C. Rocha seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- d. Parent Alienation, Sponsor- Mary Sargent, 1.5 hr. Family Relationships- R. Hunt made a motion to approve this course, C. Rocha seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- e. 603 Legal Services, Sponsor NHCRA, 1 hr. Other- R. Hunt made a motion to approve this course, K. Noyes seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- f. Overcoming Roadblocks to Settlement- Sponsor and Presenter-James Ferro- Med. Skills-3 hrs.- K. Noyes made a motion to approve this course, J. Lemire seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- g. Two Ethical Concerns: DV and the Parties' Informed Decision Making, Amoskeag Cont. Ed., Med. Skills-3 or DV-3- M. Sargent made a motion to approve this course, R. Morley seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- h. Mediation Skills Refresher, Sponsor-Mediation Works, Inc. Med. Skills-7 hrs.- this course will be tabled until further information is received. Board would like a Syllabus as well as information on the skills component of the Class.

5. Non-Public Session-

- a. Non-public session, authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c)) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* At 5:39 p.m. M. Sargent made a motion to go into non-public session. C. Rocha seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- b. Upon return to public session at 6:42 p.m. R. Hunt made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. C. Rocha seconded, F. Lane abstains and motion passes.

6. Board Communication-

- a. Report from Staff Administrator-46 Certified Family Mediators, 4 left to renew for the year. A few have renewed with CEUs that they did not seek to get approved, however they Did Not need the CEUs to be approved to renew.
- b. Board discussed what happens if there is no one who wants to be a Board member when terms expire, and replacements are sought.
- c. Board discussed all notices that go out will be reviewed by the Board chair for accuracy.

7. New Application- Debbie-Martin-Demers- K. Noyes made amotion to approve this application. C. Rocha seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

8. Adjournment- Next Meeting- October 6 at 11:00 a.m.

K. Noyes made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. R. Hunt seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.