

**Family Mediator Certification Board**  
**Minutes**  
**September 6, 2016**

**Present:** E. Dinerstein, T. Sturke, C. Dochstader, P. Goldsmith, M. Garner, R. Cram, L. Aaby, E. Christensen and E. Jasina

**Excused:** C. Sadler and M. Rousseau

Also present: P. Heinrich and Chris Horne

Acting Chair Terry Sturke called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

E. Christensen made a MOTION to table approval of the Public Minutes of July 26, 2016.

Second: T. Sturke. MOTION PASSED.

P. Goldsmith made a MOTION to approve the Non-Public Minutes of July 26, 2016. Second: L. Aaby. MOTION PASSED with E. Jasina abstaining.

**Continuing Education Approval Requests**

R. Cram made a MOTION to approve "Taking Guesswork out of Conflict" which was presented at the 2016 Summer Session for Collaborative Professionals in PEI, Canada for . Second: C. Dochstader. MOTION PASSED.

T. Sturke made a MOTION to notify Joseph Caulfield that the Board cannot review the 2016 Law Review for which he requested continuing education approval without all the required supporting documents. Second: E. Dinerstein. MOTION PASSED.

**Administrative Assistant's Report**

P. Goldsmith indicated his willingness to be nominated for another term.

P. Heinrich will notify the Governor's Office to get his re-nomination process started and she will contact Jessica Ecker to remind her about the need for NHCRA to nominate someone for E. Christensen's seat as soon as possible.

T. Sturke will contact Neutral Ground Training Program Director Susan Towle to express the Board's concern that the program's certification renewal application is still pending and cannot be approved before its upcoming training.

E. Christensen expressed a concern that there needs to be more certified training programs and offered to write a letter to NHCRA asking it to publicize the need for at least one additional certified training program.

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### **Update on DV Guidelines**

E. Christensen reported that the Sub-Committee has had difficulty scheduling a meeting with Molly Brown and Melissa Kowalewski. She suggested that Molly and Melissa be invited to attend the Board's November meeting.

### **Complaint Review**

P. Heinrich told the Board that a letter of complaint from Donald LeBlanc about Jocelyn King had been received on July 29<sup>th</sup>. She said, per Fam 203.02(b), she had sent a copy of the complaint to Ms. King, explaining no response was requested, but had received a response from Ms. King on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

M. Garner disclosed that he presides over cases involving Ms. King and recused himself from the discussion about the complaint.

T. Sturke told the members that the first thing they needed to do was determine if the complaint met the requirements of Fam 203.01 (b). P. Goldsmith made a MOTION that Mr. LeBlanc's letter met the requirements for a complaint. Second: E. Dinerstein. MOTION PASSED.

T. Sturke told the Board the next step was to review Ms. King's response and decide whether it wanted additional information from either Ms. King or Mr. LeBlanc, whether it wanted to open an investigation or whether it wanted to dismiss the complaint.

After discussion about the Board's responsibility to the public, what the Board has the authority to do and whether Ms. King's actions had violated Standard I and II of the Model Standards, P. Goldsmith made a MOTION to dismiss the complaint because the actions complained about did not rise to the level of violating the Model Standards. Second: L. Aaby. MOTION PASSED. (M. Garner did not participate in the vote.)

### **Non-Public Session I: RSA 91-A:3 II c.**

P. Goldsmith made a MOTION to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, IIc: Personal. Second: C. Dochstader. A roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

The Board entered Non-Public Session at 5:45 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 5.55 PM.

T. Sturke made a MOTION to seal the Non-Public Minutes. Second: C. Dochstader. MOTION PASSED.

T. Sturke reported that this was E. Dinerstein's final meeting as a member of the Board and thanked her for her ten years on the Board.

M. Garner made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: C. Dochstader. MOTION PASSED.

T. Sturke adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.