

Family Mediator Certification Board
Minutes
June 4, 2014

Present: K. Borgstrom, C. Dochstader, M. Garner C. Sadler, T. Sturke, E. Christensen, K. McCall and D. Phillips
Excused: B. Sturke, M. Rousseau and E. Dinerstein

K. Borgstrom called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

Continuing Education Requests

K. Borgstrom made a MOTION to deny continuing education credit approval to Pro Bono Divorce Camp sponsored by NHBA. Second: C. Dochstader. MOTION PASSED.

The Board discussed Dividing Property Equitably sponsored by Amoskeag Continuing Education to be presented by Honey Hastings and John Dulmage on September 12, 2014. Members acknowledged the value of using general fact patterns from real cases, but also felt that the risk of disclosure of confidential information from the real mediation requires that the factual details from the real cases be modified for purposes of creating hypothetical teaching cases, including changing the names of the parties and the mediator, as well as modifying the facts themselves to make the teaching case less recognizable as an actual case. M. Garner made a MOTION to approve this course for 3 hours of Mediator Skills continuing education credit, conditional upon receipt of revised sample cases. Second: D. Phillips. MOTION PASSED.

C. Dochstader made a MOTION to re-approve Confidentiality and a Board Disciplinary Action to be presented by Honey Hastings on dates to be determined. Second: D. Phillips. MOTION PASSED.

Administrative Assistant's Report

By consensus, the September Board meeting date was changed to September 3, 2014.

C. Sadler nominated T. Sturke to be Chair of the Board. T. Sturke accepted the nomination only if a mediator member is willing to serve as Vice Chair and nominated E. Dinerstein for Vice Chair. The vote was unanimous for both, if E. Dinerstein accepts the nomination.

Members discussed the future of mediation as well as the future of the Board. Discussion included several other kinds of "court" mediation (small claims, mediated adoption, probate, abuse/neglect or elder law, etc.) for which the Board could provide oversight and certification training if the courts were agreeable and the statute was changed. C. Sadler will contact Judge Kelly and Molly Brown for input.

By consensus, members put off the discussion of suggestions of someone to fill K. Borgstrom's seat until the next meeting which was scheduled for July 19th in Lyme.

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

K. Borgstrom 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.

The Board began Non-Public Session at 4:55 PM.

The Board resumed Public Session at 5:00 PM. T. Sturke made a MOTION to SEAL the Non-Public minutes. Second: K. Borgstrom. A roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED.

Work Session: DV Protocols

K. McCall shared a draft proposal for revised DV protocols for use in New Hampshire which was based on Michigan's protocols. She said that she and some other Board members had been working on this proposal which was based on best practices and called for three levels of DV screening. She also indicated that there is a need for a standard DV screening tool. Members discussed consistent screening processes and guidelines for conducting mediation in cases where domestic violence is present.

K. McCall asked C. Sadler and M. Garner to further review the proposal and offer any comments for changes or additions they might have. She indicated that the next step will be to request input and support from Judge Kelly.

K. Borgstrom thanked the Board and adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM.

Sincerely,

Pat Heinrich