

Family Mediator Certification Board  
Minutes  
October 1, 2014

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

T. Sturke called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

**Meeting with Susan Towle/Neutral Ground Training Program**

Susan Towle told the Board that she would be continuing the Neutral Ground Training Program. She asked the Board what she needed to provide the Board to effect the change.

T. Sturke told her that Neutral Ground's certification is in effect until May 2016. She said that S. Towle needs to provide the Board with a completed "Staff Information: Director" form for herself. T. Sturke thanked S. Towle for her coming forward to meet with the Board and for her willingness to continue the training program.

**Continuing Education Requests**

C. Dochstader made a MOTION to approve "Upcoming Changes to the Child Support Guidelines" that was sponsored by the NHBA on June 12, 2013 for 3 credits of Legal Update continuing education. Second: B. Sturke. MOTION PASSED.

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

T. Sturke made a MOTION to approve the Public Minutes of September 3, 2014. Second: C. Dochstader. MOTION PASSED with D. Phillips and K. McCall abstaining.

B. Sturke made a MOTION to approve the Non-Public Minutes of September 3, 2014. Second: M. Garner. MOTION PASSED with D. Phillips and K. McCall abstaining.

**Administrative Assistant's Report**

By consensus, members suggested contacting John Cameron's family for permission and a photograph taken by John to be placed on the Board's website.

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

T. Sturke made a MOTION to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, IIc: Personal. Second: E. Christensen. A roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED.

The Board began Non-Public Session at 4:30 PM.

The Board resumed Public Session at 4:45 PM. T. Sturke made a MOTION to SEAL the Non-Public minutes. Second: B. Sturke. A roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED.

**Draft Court Guidelines for DV & Mediation**

Members reviewed and discussed a proposal presented by K. McCall, based on Michigan guidelines.

M. Garner and C. Sadler shared the current court procedure for handling such cases. They suggested additional court personnel might be asked to comment on the proposal before it is finalized.

E. Christensen suggested the proposal be updated to reflect “parental rights and responsibilities” and reviewed to be consistent with NH mediation practices.

K. McCall said the key is good screening before any mediation occurs. She agreed that, while there could be some flexibility, she felt that a minimal standardized practical screening tool is needed.

Members agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

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

M. Garner made a MOTION to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, IIc: Personal. Second: T. Sturke. A roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED.

The Board began Non-Public Session at 5:30 PM.

The Board resumed Public Session at 5:55 PM. T. Sturke made a MOTION to SEAL the Non-Public minutes. Second: C. Dochstader. A roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED.

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

Sincerely,

Pat Heinrich