

Family Mediator Certification Board  
Minutes  
May 7, 2014

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

K. Borgstrom called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM.

**Meeting with ADR/OMA Coordinator Molly Brown**

Molly Brown met with the Board to discuss the use of interns by court-contracted mediators. M. Brown explained that she and Judge Kelly felt that court rules and state statutes do not allow interns to participate in court-ordered Family Division mediation cases. Members explained the need for internships and shared the Board's Administrative Rules, including definitions of intern supervisor and co-mediator. In addition, members suggested that language could be added to the court contract to allow the contracted mediators to mentor interns during court ordered mediations and still stay within the court rules and state statutes.

M. Brown said that the new mediator lists and contracts would go into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. She also said the court roster of mediators is currently closed but that she is working to reopen it at some point in the future.

M. Brown indicated she would share the information provided by the Board with Judge Kelly and stated she was willing to meet with the Board in the fall to discuss the implementation of the new contract.

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

T. Sturke made a MOTION to approve the Public Minutes of April 2, 2014. Second: B. Sturke. MOTION PASSED with D. Phillips abstaining.

K. Borgstrom made a MOTION to approve the Non-Public Minutes of April 2, 2014. Second: T. Sturke. MOTION PASSED with D. Phillips abstaining.

**Continuing Education Approval Requests**

K. Borgstrom made a MOTION to approve Mediation Techniques and Strategies, sponsored by the Inns of Court on April 3, 2014 for 1 hour of "Other" continuing education credit. Second: B. Sturke. MOTION PASSED.

C. Sadler made a MOTION to approve Alternative Dispute Resolution: Present & Past, sponsored by NHCRA to be presented in June for .5 hours of "Other" continuing education credit. Second: T. Sturke. MOTION PASSED.

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T. Sturke made a MOTION to deny continuing education credit approval to Introduction to Interdisciplinary Collaborative Practice sponsored by Collaborative Alliance of NH on May 4, 2012. Second: E. Christensen. MOTION PASSED.

B. Sturke made a MOTION to approve Property Division, Domestic Violence and Other Updates for 3 hours of Legal Update continuing education. Second: K. Borgstrom. MOTION PASSED. Members expressed concern that the title of the course might lead mediators to think this was a course giving Domestic Violence continuing education credits.

T. Sturke made a MOTION to approve Helping Children & Parents Cope with Divorce for 12 hours of “Other” continuing education credits. Second: B. Sturke. MOTION PASSED.

D. Phillips left the meeting at this time.

**Administrative Assistant’s Report**

By consensus, members agreed to discuss a new Board Chair and possible replacements for K. Borgstrom’s seat at the June meeting.

The September meeting was scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>.

K. McCall will continue research on the MA DV Registry.

**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 5:40 PM.

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

T. Sturke made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: C. Sadler. MOTION PASSED.

K. Borgstrom adjourned the meeting at 5:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Heinrich