

Family Mediator Certification Board
Minutes
December 3, 2014

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

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

Board Membership Update

T. Sturke told the Board that David Phillips had resigned from the Board, effective immediately. In addition, K. McCall told the members that she would not be seeking re-appointment when her term expires in April. T. Sturke asked the Board for suggestions of people to propose to the Governor's office as replacements. Members offered to contact various people about interest in serving on the Board.

Continuing Education Requests

K. McCall made a MOTION to approve "DV & Mediation" to be presented by Kathy Jones and sponsored by NHCRA on December 12, 2014 for 3 hours of Domestic Violence continuing education credit. Second: E. Christensen. MOTION PASSED.

C. Dochstader made a MOTION to approve "Conflict Coaching & Training" to be presented by Meredith Richardson and sponsored by NHCRA on December 12, 2014 for 3 hours of "Other" continuing education credit. Second: E. Christensen. MOTION PASSED.

K. McCall made a MOTION to deny continuing education credit to "Child Protection Mediation Training" taught by Martie Boyer and sponsored by the Connecticut Judicial Branch on January 12, 2012. Second: T. Sturke. MOTION PASSED.

Guidelines for DV & Mediation

Members discussed the meeting with Judge Carbon. K. McCall suggested the Board to consider adding a check-off statement about domestic violence screening, similar to the current question about the Model Standards, to both the initial and renewal applications when new DV guidelines are approved. Many members felt that 8 hours of domestic violence training during initial basic training was not sufficient.

Members agreed to continue working on the proposed revised guidelines to develop a standardized list of categories and questions which mediators should use during domestic violence assessments. In addition, making meeting with each party separately before the actual mediation commenced a mandatory standard was discussed.

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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 5:15 PM.

The Board resumed Public Session at 5:25 PM. T. Sturke made a MOTION to SEAL the Non-Public minutes. Second: B. Sturke. A roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED.

C. Sadler made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: T. Sturke. MOTION PASSED. T. Sturke adjourned the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Sincerely,

Pat Heinrich