

Family Mediator Certification Board
Minutes
April 1, 2015

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

Excused: M. Rousseau

Also Present: P. Heinrich

T. Sturke called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

DV Protocols I: Guidelines for Certified Family Mediators

Members reviewed and discussed the Draft Domestic Violence Guidelines: Revision 3. Several changes and corrections were made to the draft document.

P. Heinrich will email a final draft to all members and the final draft will be voted on during the May 6th meeting.

K. McCall promised to attend the May meeting and reminded the Board that it had discussed requiring that all certified mediators agree to use these Guidelines. T. Sturke told the Board that this would mean amending the Board's rules.

Approval of Prior Minutes

C. Dochstader made a MOTION to approve the Public Minutes of March 11, 2015. Second: B. Sturke. MOTION PASSED with T. Sturke, E. Dinerstein and K. McCall abstaining.

B. Sturke made a MOTION to approve the Non-Public Minutes of March 11, 2015. Second: M. Garner. MOTION PASSED with T. Sturke, E. Dinerstein and K. McCall abstaining.

Continuing Education Requests

C. Sadler made a MOTION to approve "Uh-Oh, What Do I Do Now?" presented by Hess Gehris Solutions on March 24th for 3 hours of Mediator Ethics continuing education credits. Second: E. Christensen. MOTION PASSED.

P. Heinrich told the Board that she had received an email from Joseph Caulfield asking if the Board would likely approve "Mediation Confidentiality: Is it for Real?" offered by the Florida Supreme Court and the Dispute Resolution Center for 3 hours of Mediator Ethics continuing education credit. B. Sturke made a MOTION to request that Mr. Caulfield submit a request for continuing education approval with the required supporting documents so that the Board could make an informed decision. Second: M. Garner. MOTION PASSED.

P. Heinrich told the Board that Joan Gross had sent additional information about "Drafting Complex Agreements," which the Board had approved in March for 4 hours of Mediation Skills. She is requesting the Board approve the course for a total of 6 hours of Mediation Skills. After

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review of the new materials submitted, C. Sadler made a MOTION to approve the additional 2 hours of Mediator Skills continuing education credit. Second: B. Sturke. MOTION PASSED.

Administrative Assistant's Report

T. Sturke told the Board that she had been in contact with Erin Jasina about being nominated for K. McCall's seat.

T. Sturke told the Board that she had met with the Judicial Council Executive Director to discuss a formal Memorandum of Understanding between the Board and the Judicial Council. She asked the Board to approve the proposed document. K. McCall made a MOTION to approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding. Second: E. Christensen. MOTION PASSED.

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

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

The Board began Non-Public Session at 5:19 PM.

The Board resumed Public Session at 5:35 PM. B. Sturke made a MOTION to SEAL the Non-Public minutes. Second: C. Sadler. MOTION PASSED.

DV Protocols II: Court Process

Members discussed an outline of a proposed court process for DV screening.

Discussion included the following:

- There is an institutional presumption that mediation works for everyone.
- When/where to parties get a copy of "What you Should Know about DV & Mediation"?
- Should there be a separate/additional fee for initial DV screening?
- Should the screening be in addition to the basic 6 hours of mediation?
- Will the court fund pay for DV screening?

E. Christensen will contact Gina Belmont and Molly Brown to discuss the various DV proposals and get feedback. Other Board members offered to assist.

B. Sturke made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: M. Garner. MOTION PASSED. T. Sturke adjourned the meeting at 6:10 P.M.

Sincerely,

Pat Heinrich