

Family Mediator Certification Board
Minutes
July 22, 2015

Present: B. Sturke, T. Sturke, E. Christensen, C. Dochstader, K. McCall, M. Rousseau, E. Dinerstein, R. Cram and P. Goldsmith
Excused: M. Garner, C. Sadler
Also Present: P. Heinrich and Erin Jasina

T. Sturke called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM and introduced Erin Jasina, who would be taking K. McCall's seat on the Board. T. Sturke said that K. McCall's last meeting would be September 9th.

Approval of Prior Minutes

B. Sturke made a MOTION to approve the Public Minutes from June 3, 2015. Second: K. McCall. MOTION PASSED with C. Dochstader, M. Rousseau, E. Dinerstein and K. McCall abstaining.

B. Sturke made a MOTION to approve the Non-Public minutes from June 3, 2015. Second: E. Christensen. MOTION PASSED with C. Dochstader, M. Rousseau, E. Dinerstein and K. McCall abstaining.

Board Membership Update

B. Sturke told the Board that he would not be seeking re-appointment when his seat on the Board expires in January. He also indicated he would not be renewing his certification as a mediator when it expired in December.

C. Dochstader told the Board that her seat on the Board expires in November. She is interested in staying on the Board to work on revisions to the Initial Certification and Training Program rules and/or possible revisions to its statute to expand Family Mediator roles.

Administrative Assistant's Report

T. Sturke told members that October 14th would be a meeting and a hearing. She indicated "Hearing Rules and Procedures" would be on the agenda for the September meeting. P. Heinrich as a result of the FY 2016 budget impasse, the Board office was still located in the State House Annex and she had been able to schedule the hearing at the State House Annex. She said she had delayed sending the hearing notice until she had confirmed the hearing location.

P. Heinrich explained that the budget issues with OT and benefit deductions are still on-going. She also noted that in FY 2015, there had been more certification lapses than normal and the Board revenue was more than \$2,000 less than expected.

Continuing Education Requests

K. McCall made a MOTION to approve “Transformative Mediation” at which Meredith Richardson will be teaching for 14 hours of Mediation Skills continuing education credit. Second: E. Christensen. MOTION PASSED.

E. Christensen made a MOTION to approve “Pre-Nups and Post-Nups”, a Webcast sponsored by NHBA for 3.25 hours of Legal Update continuing education credits. Second: B. Sturke. MOTION PASSED.

T. Sturke made a MOTION to send a letter to Robin Dite requesting additional information about “Are You Listening” and “A Mile in Their Shoes” both courses sponsored by the Maine CADRES. Second: E. Dinerstein. MOTION PASSED.

E. Dinerstein made a MOTION to approve “Parenting in the Context of Domestic Violence” to be taught on August 21 by Karen McCall, Marianne Rousseau and Elizabeth Christensen for 4 hours of Domestic Violence continuing education credits. Second: T. Sturke. MOTION PASSED with K. McCall, M. Rousseau and E. Christensen abstaining.

Domestic Violence Guidelines

K. McCall told the Board that the Court is still working on the Guidelines, but she expected to have feedback from the Court for the September meeting. She suggested that someone from the Board should contact the Coalition to get them “on board” with the new guidelines as well as to discuss procedures for Coalition assistance with DV training programs and providers. She said she hoped the Board would be able to finalize the Guidelines at the September meeting.

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: P. Goldsmith. A roll call vote was held. MOTION PASSED.

The Board began Non-Public Session at 4:50 PM.

The Board resumed Public Session at 5:00 PM.

B. Sturke made a MOTION to SEAL the Non-Public minutes. Second: T. Sturke. MOTION PASSED.

R. Cram made a MOTION to adjourn. Second: E. Christensen. MOTION PASSED.

T. Sturke adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.