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Training for Mediators

In order to be a mediator for Northern Community Mediation (NCM) or to go on the court roster, a person must participate in the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) approved 2.411, 40-hour training. NCM offers this training every other year in the spring. This year, the first 24 hours of training were offered on May 22, 23 and 24 at the Charlevoix Library, and the remaining 16 hours were at the Demmer Center in Petoskey on May 31 and June 1.

Twenty-five individuals participated in the training: 11 were attorneys, two were high school counselors, five were potential mediators for other Citizen Dispute Resolution Program (CDRP) centers in the state, and nine will be mediating for NCM. NCM is delighted to welcome Bob Bleyaert, Bill, Cattin, Bob Charlton, Denise Drake, Renée McDuffee, Jan Schlaybaugh, Amy Stikovich and Greg Thiess as members of the NCM mediation team.

Following the 40 hours of training, mediators for NCM are required to observe 10 hours of actual mediations as a part of their internship. After that, the new mediators are partnered with experienced mediators to facilitate in co-mediations.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.

Pictured from left to right are Observer Denise Drake and Mediators Tom Morrow & Susan Hannah