



# Northern Community Mediation

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### WAY TO GO LISA



At the annual United Way Celebration breakfast on Thursday, June 14, Lisa Hoyt received the John Newton Award of Excellence for an individual. This award honors an individual who has made a significant contribution to local efforts on behalf of health and human services. As well as being the Membership Director for the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce and being involved in a cadre of volunteer activities, Lisa serves as the Vice President of Northern Community Mediation.

### MEDIATOR ROUNDTABLE

No matter how much training we have, there are always situations that arise during mediations when we ask ourselves, "How should I handle this? What should I do?" At our Tuesday, July 17 Mediator Roundtable scheduled for 4:00, we will discuss those "not-covered-in-the-textbook" scenarios. Feel free to bring some of your own experiences to share.

### REMINDER

We understand that reading the Consent to Mediate form can be laborious and tedious as each mediation begins. It is imperative, however, that you do so for several reasons:

- It sets a tone for the mediation.
- It ensures that everyone hears the same words.
- It ensures that there is no misrepresentation as a result of paraphrasing.
- It guarantees that a person who is at the table that may not be able to read or has limited reading ability knows what he/she is being asked to sign.

Therefore, please do not shortchange this aspect of the opening of mediation.

**Mediator Paul Schemanski is running for the Great Lakes Energy Board of Directors. Good Luck, Paul.**

### INTERESTING INFORMATION

The more complex a case, the greater weight that case receives in terms of measuring a Citizen Dispute Resolution Program center's efficiency and growth. As a center's weighted caseload score goes up, it also indicates that a center is handling more complex cases. The table below depicts what is happening at the 19 centers in Michigan. Do keep in mind that these figures also include a factor for the number of cases handled. Consequently, those centers in highly populated areas are naturally going to have a higher weighted caseload.

CDRP Center (Primary County)	Weighted Caseload Score	
	2010	2011
Berrien	1,389.27	1,628.50
Charlevoix	1,172.55	1,34.70
Chippewa	639.34	747.00
Delta	475.71	825.60
Genesee	1,777.30	2,106.30
Gogebic	243.59	503.60
Grand Traverse	723.13	770.30
Ingham	1,884.04	1,831.50
Jackson	1,210.34	1,088.20
Kalamazoo	609.42	666.00
Kent	2,635.12	1,744.70
Macomb	1,461.45	1,695.80
Marquette	669.91	720.00
Muskegon	1,709.86	2,247.20
Oakland	4,215.47	4,985.30
Otsego	1,459.95	1,355.80
Ottawa	1,445.74	1,292.20
Tuscola	528.99	385.70
Washtenaw	1,319.48	1,186.60
Wayne	3,100.46	4,955.60
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>28,671.10</b>	<b>32,070.60</b>

### ANOTHER REMINDER

As a mediator, arriving half an hour prior to the scheduled mediation matters. Again, there are several reasons for this guideline:

- It gives the mediators an opportunity to determine who will do the opening statement, review together the issues of the case, and prepare and prepare a strategy.
- Often, the parties arrive early. It is awkward when only one mediator has arrived. This is especially awkward when all parties and one of the mediators are standing around waiting for the second mediator.

Therefore, please try to arrive 30 minutes prior to a scheduled mediation.