

Minutes—Board Meeting
Northern Community Mediation
November 12, 2004

Members Present: K. Williams, K. Winter, J. Ryan, R. Kiogima, J. Rohe, L. Blanchard, T. Prymuszewski
Guests: Kathy Lame, staff
David Jones, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Community Foundation

Grant Award

Received \$2400 from Petoskey-Harbor Springs Community Foundation to fund a program to train the staff of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay in Conflict Resolution. Mr. Jones commented that the foundation liked this grant because the training was transferable to other non-profit agencies and added that NCM has received approximately \$15,000 from the foundation to date for capacity building.

Secretary's Report

October minutes were reviewed. September minutes need to be reported as being approved as corrected. Motion to approved October minutes as corrected—made by Williams. Supported by Kiogima. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Internet and telephone expenses are over budget because of added staff and equipment. Increases in contractual expenses are covered by the Community Foundation grant. Income—Victim Offender Reconciliation program has been added to NCM.
Fees for service are low. All other income is tracking well.
Motion to accept report made by Ryan. Supported by Prymuszewski. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

- A) Case Reports: 313 accepted to date. Agreement rate is down slightly. When mediation is ordered by a judge, people may be less willing to reach agreement.
- B) CDRP annual review was excellent for 2003
- C) Mediator training will be offered in January. A fee of \$100 will be charged and refunded if a trainee becomes a mediator. A fee of \$300 is charged to people who do not intend to become mediators.
- D) Victim Offender Reconciliation program has moved to NCM. Pat has become the program coordinator.
- E) Post Judgment pilot program with the Charlevoix County is up and running
- F) NMC will be a test site for the State for new reports.
- G) New employee, Janice Elliott, working Tues. and Thurs.
- H) Holiday party, Dec. 9, 4:30-6:00, at NCM office
- I) Office now has DSL internet. The old internet phone line is free for phone use.
- J) Annual meeting will be scheduled for February.
- K) Theater Fund Raising Party coming together. Cinema will sell \$5 tickets. Restaurants are being lined up for food in the lobby.

President's Report-no report

Committee Reports—no reports

Old Business-none

New Business-none

No meeting in December. Next meeting January 14, 2005. K. Winter offered the News Review meeting room if we need the space because of mediator training.
Motion to adjourn made by Blanchard. Supported by Williams. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Blanchard, Secretary

