

Northern Community Mediation

Board Meeting

April 13, 2006

Board members present: Jill Ryan, Keith Williams, Dennis Halverson, Lisa Blanchard, John Rohe, Ken Winter, Bruce Herbert, Dick Pajtas, Steve Tresidder, and Bill Lovett

Staff present; Jane Millar, Kathy Lane, Bert Rousseau and Melissa Duggan

Jill Ryan called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

ONGOING EDUCATION:

1. Jane introduced Bert Rousseau as the new intake coordinator and Melissa Duggan as the new intern.

2. Kathy Lane, PPMP director, complimented Jane as the coordinator and mastermind for the successful theater party, which raised a little over \$7,500

Kathy reported that participating counties have each pledged to annually contribute \$8,000; to date, Cheboygan has paid, Charlevoix just paid and Emmet's payment is "forthcoming". SCAO is over three months behind in its contribution of approximately \$6,000 for the 2004-2005 PPMP fiscal-year funding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Keith Williams moved and Steve Tresidder seconded that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Keith Williams gave the Treasurer's Report. Bruce Herbert moved and Lisa Blanchard seconded a motion to accept the report. Keith also noted that NCM's accounts will be moved to Bank One for convenience.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jill Ryan asked the board members to volunteer to serve on either the Program or Fund Raising committee. Board members signed up as follows:

Fund Raising: Lisa Blanchard, Dick Pajtas, Ken Winter, and Keith Williams.

Programs: Bruce Herbert, Steve Tresidder, Dennis Halverson, Bill Lovett, John Rohe and Jill Ryan.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Case Reports: closed 118 cases in first quarter 2006; accepted 92 cases, which is 18 cases below the 2005 first quarter

2. Funding: discussed above

3. Shoplifting: have applied for two identical grants: one from the Charlevoix County

Community Foundation and one from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation for funding to develop a program for first-time, shoplifting offenders

4. \$5,000 Matching Funds: \$5,000 has been received for the Leah Green “matching funds” grant.
5. Chocolate Sundae: possible fund raiser
6. Paint Center: Jane has talked with Gail Lambert from Crooked Tree Arts Center for advice on colors to paint the walls at the center. Once those suggestions have been received, Jane will begin painting.
7. Change of Checking Account: discussed above.
8. CD Renewal: renewed CD at First Community Bank at 4.5% interest rate
9. Infrastructure Checklist: Jane appreciated getting the checklists returned.
10. Website
 - a. Group picture will be taken of Board
 - b. Each board member will provide a bio on himself/herself

Steve Tresidder explained the fact that our courts do not have an ADR plan. He is recommending that we work with our judges to encourage the implementation of an ADR plan in our two counties.

Next Meeting: 3:30 pm on Thursday, June 1, 2006.

Adjourned: 5:40 p.

Respectively submitted,

William W. Lovett