

Northern Community Mediation
Board of Directors' Meeting
May 9, 2013
The Bob-In Again, Petoskey

Board members present: Lisa Hoyt, David Leusink, Hon. Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, John Marshall, Kirk Raymond, Pat Seagmen, Ted Teller, Paula Welmers, Joel Wurster

Board members absent: Mary Faculak, Hon. Fred Mulhauser, Dr. Roger Postmus, Jim Raber

Staff Present: Dr. Jane Millar

Ted Teller called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Minutes:

The meeting minutes from March 14, 2013, were presented, with one correction – Lisa Hoyt was not able to attend that meeting. John Marshall moved to approve the minutes, as corrected, seconded by Joel Wurster. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

John Marshall provided the treasurer's report. The shortfall of revenue indicated in the latest financial report is largely due to the timing of certain monies that are soon to be received. David Leusink moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Allie Greenleaf Maldonado. Motion carried.

President's Remarks:

Ted indicated that he appreciated seeing the prospective goal-achievement letter produced from the exercise at the March board retreat.

Executive Director's Report, presented by Jane Millar:

1. Case Reports – NCM case report statistics were provided and reviewed. The center has handled 56 more cases this year when compared to last year. Local court filings are also up. These are encouraging trends for the center's finances and mission.
2. Collection of Fees – a fee collection report was distributed. There are a higher percentage of uncollected fees, but the number of cases in which fees are being charged is also up. The board discussed various efforts that could be made to help increase the collection of fees that are not being paid.
3. Theatre Party – After expenses, the party generated approximately \$400 more than was projected, which is helpful to the center's financial condition.
4. 40-Hour Training – The center presented a 40-hour mediation training program at the Petoskey City Hall. Jane was pleased with the quality of the training, the participants, and the location.
5. 8-hour Advanced Training – This training is scheduled for May 10 at the Bay View Inn. There are 27 people enrolled.

6. Appreciation Luncheon – This is scheduled for May 20 at the City Park Grill. Annual awards will be presented. The Hon. Charles Johnson and Mr. David Fershee will also speak in recognition of NCM's 20th anniversary. Each of these individuals was active in the inception and initial governance of NCM.
7. School Attendance Mediation – This pilot program has been underway since early 2013 in the Pellston Public Schools. Approximately 10 mediations have been conducted, and the initial impressions and results of the program are positive. Jane has been speaking with personnel at some other area school districts about the possible expansion of the program. She is also seeking a United Way grant to assist with costs of extending such a program to the Beaver Island schools.
8. Statewide Association of Community Dispute Resolution Programs – This newly formed organization assists in coordinating the communications and interests of the Community Dispute Resolution Programs within the state. After serving as vice-president last year, Jane will be serving as the co-president this year.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2013, at noon in Charlevoix. Due to the closing of Giuseppe's, Jane will locate and announce a new meeting location.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Wurster, Secretary