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WAYNE TRI'S FIRST DAY AT WORK



July 9 will be a sad day for Northern Community Mediation because it will be Cheryl's last day working for us. At the same time, it will be a happy day for us because Wayne Tri has agreed to be our new Intake Coordinator. Not only is Wayne a trained mediator, he has excellent mediation skills. Therefore, the transition should be a smooth one.

With the change in staff, we are taking advantage of the situation to re-assign responsibilities. Wayne will handle the Child Protection Mediation Program, as well as the General Civil and Small claims cases. Bert will be responsible for the Victim-offender, Reconciliation Program and cases that involve divorce/domestic relations, parenting time and Special Education.

DIVORCE TRAINING CHANGE IN DATES

We have scheduled a four-part divorce training from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on the following dates: September 14 & 18 and October 12 & 26. Due to the fact that there is a conflict with Special Education training, we are re-scheduling the October 12 date to October 19. Please, make note of this change.

MEDIATOR ROUNDTABLE

Our next roundtable will take place from 4:00pm to 5:30pm on Tuesday, July 27. Two topics will be covered. The first issue will relate to dealing with uncooperative attorneys at the mediation table. The second topic will be the use of the auction process in divorce cases. Now, that should have your curiosity aroused.

A roundtable is also scheduled for Tuesday, November 9. Details will be available in the early fall.

UNITED WAY LOGO

You have undoubtedly noticed that the United Way logo now appears on our newsletter. In fact, it also appears on our website. This is to recognize the fact that NCM received a grant from United Way to help support our Child Protection Mediation Program.

Other grants we have received this year are from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation towards enhancing and researching our Victim-Offender, Reconciliation Program, and from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation for general operations.

PERSONAL COMPUTERS

At the most recent meeting at the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) for the Executive Directors of the Citizen Dispute Resolution Program centers, a discussion ensued relating to the use of personal, laptop computers by mediators. The directive from SCAO was that unless there are highly unusual, extenuating circumstances, the use of a mediator's personal computer is totally inappropriate. Therefore, please refrain from using a personal computer.

CHILD PROTECTION MEDIATION TRAINING

The Child Protection Mediation training is scheduled from 8:00am to 5:30pm for Thursday, September 30 and Friday, October 1. At this point, if you are interested in taking this training, please let the center know by Tuesday, July 13.

THINKING OF YOU

Mediator Jim Minder had aortic-aneurysm, repair surgery on June 16. His recovery will take six to eight weeks, but his wife Susan Davis and he will be in Charlevoix around July 1. Let us know when you get up here, Jim.

SWAT

You will have to stop by the center to see our new promotional, fly swatters. Intake Coordinator Bert says that we are now a SWAT—Serving with Awesome Teams.

AND THE ANSWER IS?

When did the longest mediation in NCM's history take place, and who were the mediators? Be the first to let us know, and you will win a promotional, fly swatter.