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INTERNSHIPS COMPLETED

We have three people who have completed their 10-hours of observation. Congratulations to Christine Gebhard, Deb Reed and Dell Weitzel. Although Deb took her 40-hour training through NCM, Christine and Dell completed their 40-hour training elsewhere. Lucky for us, they have joined our team here at NCM.

SPEAKING OF 40-HOUR TRAINING

Our own Kathy Lane will again be coordinating a 40-hour training workshop in January 2007. It will be held in the Charlevoix City Hall. The dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, January 18	5:00-9:00
Friday, January 19	8:00-5:00
Saturday, January 20	8:00-5:00

Thursday, January 25	5:00-9:00
Friday, January 26	8:00-5:00
Saturday, January 27	8:00-5:00

If you know of anyone who is interested in participating in the training, suggest that he/she call the center. Better yet, let me know the names of anyone who is interested so that I can make a personal phone call.

UPDATE TRAINING

It is not too late to register for the update training scheduled for Friday, November 3 in the Reycraft Room of the Perry Hotel. Do keep in mind that all mediators are required to complete at least eight hours of update training every two years.

The morning session is entitled "Mediator Tools," and the afternoon session will be devoted to "The Reflective Practice."

REMINDER

For those of you who do Access and Visitation cases, do not forget to address the issue for which the case was referred for mediation. Even if no agreement is reached regarding the issue at hand, be certain to write that down. This is a court requirement. This does not mean, however, that you cannot address other issues.

To quote Lee Hornberger, "The mediator's opening statement is a crucial part of the process." Take the time to make a thorough opening statement.

Also, just a friendly reminder to turn off your cell phones when you go into mediation.

LOSS OF A TEAM MEMBER

As most of you are probably aware, John Rohe and his wife Debbie will be leaving Petoskey. They will be moving to western Pennsylvania, where John will serve as program director of a charitable foundation involved in land conservation, water protection and other environmental issues. There was a wonderful article about Debbie and John in the *Petoskey News-Review*, as well as a great picture. Best of luck to both of you!

NEW TEAM MEMBER

Mary Catherine Hannah, an attorney in Harbor Springs, who specializes in divorce and domestic matters, has joined our team of mediators. How lucky for us. Welcome aboard, Mary Catherine.

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

An article about a settlement between Joanne Beemon and Charlevoix County appeared in the *Charlevoix Courier*. Beemon provided the newspaper with a copy of the agreement, which was reached during mediation services provided by NCM.