



Northern Community Mediation

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A New Class of Mediators

On June 7, 24 individuals completed the forty-hour, general civil mediation training offered by Northern Community Mediation (NCM). The group was made up of three judges, eight attorneys, one law student and 12 non-attorneys. “It was a phenomenal class,” said Executive Director Jane Millar. “It went far beyond merely having a trainer spewing forth information. What was so special was the fact that we all learned from one another. The trainees all came with a wealth of knowledge.”

The lead trainer was Jane Millar with essential assistance from case managers Karen Cole and Caroline Smith, as well as attorneys Steve Tresidder and Joel Wurster. There was a minimum amount of lecturing. Most of the time was spent in group discussions, role plays, and problem solving exercises.

Many of the participants in the training will set up private practices. The majority, however, will serve as volunteer mediators for NCM. In either case, the forty-hour training, as approved by the State Court Administrative Office, is a requirement in order to be mediator in Michigan.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.

Pictured on the steps of Stafford’s Perry Hotel are the class participants and trainers.

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