

ELDER MEDIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Elder Mediation section of Family Mediation Canada wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to Carrie Cekerevac, FMC's Operations Manager, for her invaluable assistance and support of its endeavours, as well as to the FMC Board.

The Elder Mediation Committee for 2014 included the following FMC Certified Elder Mediators: Colleen Currie (ON), Patricia Donihee (NB), Judy McCann-Beranger (NL), Andrew Pavey (BC), Elizabeth Reagh (PEI), Elizabeth Sterritt (ON), Chair.

1. The Elder Mediation Committee continues to meet on a regular monthly basis with the exception of the summer months. All of our Committee minutes are available to FMC members. We remain open to, and encourage any questions regarding Elder Mediation from FMC members.

2. The Elder Mediation Committee accomplished its major outreach goal for the 2013-2014 year with the production of its Elder Mediation brochure. Special thanks to all committee members for their contributions to this successful brochure as well as to Carrie Cekerevac for:

(i) her technical skills in the mass production of the brochure that is now for sale to FMC members.

(ii) acceptance of the Committee's request to place its new brochure in all of the AFCC conference packages as a means of advertising and promoting this specialized form of mediation at the Conference, as well as FMC's national Elder Mediation certification process.

3. The Elder Mediation Committee's meeting of March 25th, 2014 focused upon marketing Elder Mediation to the Canadian public. To this end the following initiatives are under way:

(i) An Elder Mediation Committee letter, approved by the FMC Board, to be sent to seniors' organizations and senior resource centres regarding Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Thank you to Patricia Donihee and Andrew Pavey for their work in drafting this letter.

(ii) A letter to the Attorneys-General of Canada describing the importance of Elder Mediation and how it may be of significant assistance to Canadian families.

(iii) The addition of a video clip from an Elder Mediation role play to the Elder Mediation section of the FMC website. The purpose of the video clip is to demonstrate a variety of skills in an elder mediation and to invite interest in Elder Mediation.

It has been a distinct pleasure to work with the Family Mediation Board on behalf of the dedicated members of the Elder Mediation Committee. As a committee, we have accomplished much in the past two years, and we continue to strive to meet the growing need for certified Elder Mediators in Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sterritt

Chair, Elder Mediation Committee