



## **ESMHL Certification Sub- Committee Meeting**

**DATE: 1/21/2022**

### **Minutes**

#### **Call to Order**

Nancy B

Meeting was called to order at: 8:30am MT

#### **In Attendance**

Present: Nancy Beers, Stephanie Harness-Gambill, Katie Murrell, Vera Remes, Nancy Van Wyk, Melissa Abbey & Leslie McCullough

Staff: Melissa Neal, Bret Maceyak & Amanda Walters

#### **Welcome New Members**

Melissa N

Amanda Walters – PATH Intl. staff member joining the meetings in 2022 to help record meeting minutes.

Stephanie Harness-Gambill, Katie Murrell & Vera Remes

#### **Agenda:**

##### **Accommodation Request**

Bret

The group discussed allowing a particular individual to complete some of their ESMHL hours via distance mentoring. There were concerns as to whether allowing distance mentoring is fair to all candidates. Nancy B suggested perhaps a 40/60-hour split. Katie suggested we use other certification allowances as a starting point. Bret discussed including limits to the number of hours as well as the number of riders that would be permitted. Nancy B asked about compensation and believes someone needs to see her center and see if we are comfortable with her ability to handle equines. Katie stated that hands on needs to be in person but suggested that we perhaps extend her time to complete the hours requirement. Nancy VW agreed with extending the time to complete the hours requirement. Katie questioned if any of her hours from her education program will count towards the portfolio requirements. This discussion concluded with Bret realizing that the committee needs more information about specifically which activity/hours the candidate is wishing to complete via distance mentoring and how she envisions this working.

##### **Manual Updates**

Melissa N

The group discussed changes they would like made to the ESMHL workshop manual. The proxemics activity is being piloted and is ready to add to the manual and the Sally role play activity is ready to be added to the manual too. The team building activity still needs to be piloted. Nancy B sent the activity to faculty to pilot in upcoming February 2022 events. The group discussed other changes to the manual. There were some suggestions about wording/language changes. Stephanie suggested a social cues activity

**ESMHL Certification Handbook**

Melissa N

Melissa asked for feedback about the handbook and event packets. Nancy shared that Melissa will post the updated handbook and event packets next week.

**Action Item Review**

Nancy B

Stephanie – working on the social cues activity and will share with the committee.

Nancy B– will send the team building activity to the faculty for the upcoming February ESMHL events to pilot.

Melissa A – working on relationships vs. task activity

Everyone – read materials and send comments or suggestions to Melissa N.

Everyone – start thinking about goals for 2022

**Next Meeting**

February 18, 2022 (Third Friday of the month) Nancy B will not be on the call in February.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned: 9:21am MT

Nancy B

**Meeting Minutes**

Amanda Walters