



Pope, Carla <carla.pope@iub.iowa.gov>

Re: Rural Attorney

1 message

Helland, Erik <erik.helland@iub.iowa.gov>

Thu, Jun 22, 2023 at 9:21 AM

To: "Pope, Carla" <carla.pope@iub.iowa.gov>, Jon Tack <jon.tack@iub.iowa.gov>

I do not believe so directly, but I am looping Tack in

On Thu, Jun 22, 2023 at 9:17 AM Pope, Carla <carla.pope@iub.iowa.gov> wrote:

Does this organization have a relationship with the Farm Bureau? The reason I ask is that one of their board members is a Farm Bureau employee.

On Thu, Jun 22, 2023 at 9:13 AM Helland, Erik <erik.helland@iub.iowa.gov> wrote:

<https://www.iowamediationservice.com/>

On Thu, Jun 22, 2023 at 9:03 AM Pope, Carla <carla.pope@iub.iowa.gov> wrote:

Also, that gets us 12 sessions per mediator before we hit the cap, which is one more than we predicted. With 20 mediators, that allows us to perform 240 mediations, which if my estimates are correct, will exceed demand.

On Thu, Jun 22, 2023 at 8:36 AM Pope, Carla <carla.pope@iub.iowa.gov> wrote:

Who can I contact to find out?

On Thu, Jun 22, 2023 at 8:28 AM Helland, Erik <erik.helland@iub.iowa.gov> wrote:

I think so, but I am not sure how many there are.

On Thu, Jun 22, 2023 at 8:27 AM Pope, Carla <carla.pope@iub.iowa.gov> wrote:

Can we hire the mediators with experience with farmland and provide a Summit-specific training?

On Thu, Jun 22, 2023 at 8:01 AM Helland, Erik <erik.helland@iub.iowa.gov> wrote:

I talked to the bar association today. They said if we can generate the equivalent of \$150/hour a rural attorney will do cartwheels. So for a five hour mediation that's \$750, plus bringing them to DSM for training. He does think you are correct we would have to pay them to train them....but at \$150/hour that's \$6,000 just for training...we'd have to figure something out there.

HOWEVER, he reminded me, you cannot repossess an assets from a farmer with mandatory mediation.....and there is a service already in place to do these mediations....and they are trained specifically to work with farmers.