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Topic: An Agreement Template for CDRP Civil Cases  
Teleconference with Anne Bachle Fifer

Agreement writing remains a challenge for many mediators, and it's a topic frequently revisited at the annual Advanced Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Institute co-sponsored between the Institute for Continuing Legal Education and the Office of Dispute Resolution. At this year's conference, Wayne State University Law School Professor Vincent A. Wellman and Anne Bachle Fifer conducted a session on drafting effective agreements, and introduced an agreement template intended to incorporate the necessary elements of a durable agreement. The template has been undergoing testing and modification at the DRC of West Michigan as applied to CDRP center civil cases. This teleconference serves as an introduction to the ten key points of the template (which will be circulated in advance), and call participants can collectively explore whether the agreement may be appropriate for their centers' cases.

The teleconference is limited to one telephone line per center, but feel free to use a speaker phone so that staff may participate.

Additional information, including call-in information and a copy of the template, will be forwarded at a later date.