

Guardian ad Litem Board
Public Minutes
November 18, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
7 Eagle Square, Concord

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on November 18, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Duncan at 1:08 p.m. Also, in attendance were: Representative David Welch, Attorney Caroline Delaney, Attorney Sarah Blodgett, Senator Kevin Avard and Honorable Henrietta Luneau. Not in attendance was David Villiotti, Representative Ned Gordan. Attending from OPLC was Chris Horne and Shana Warriner.

1. **Reading and approval of the September 16, 2022, Minutes-** Representative Welch made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2022, meeting. Attorney Delaney, seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote. Attorney Blodgett and Senator Avard abstained.

2. **Communications General-** None.

3. **CEU Requests-**

- a. Tom Forsley: DE&I Clients and “ISMS” Recognizing & Addressing Discriminatory Behavior - Honorable Luneau made a motion to approve 2 hours Honorable Duncan seconded: motion passes with roll call vote.
- b. Tom Forsley: Moving Family Disputes Online – Attorney Blodgett made a motion to deny. Representative Welch seconded: motion passes with roll call vote.
- c. Tom Forsley: Authentication Issues with Digital Evidence – Representative Welch made a motion to deny. Attorney Delaney seconded: motion passes with roll call vote.
- d. Tom Forsley: Co-Parenting w/o Contact and Other Conundrums- - Attorney Delaney made a motion to approve 1 hour. Attorney Blodgett seconded: motion passes with roll call vote.
- e. Tom Forsley: What do Judges Want? – Attorney Blodgett made a motion to approve 1 hour. Honorable Luneau seconded: motion passes with roll call vote.
- f. Tom Forsley: Fundamentals of Child Custody Evaluations – Attorney Delaney made a motion to approve 23.75 hours. Honorable Luneau seconded: motion passes with roll call vote.
- g. Heather Toulmin – FYI for the board. She does trainings on EMDR Therapy with GALs.
- h. Lucida Hopkins – Elder Abuse – Attorney Blodgett made a motion to approve 6 hours. Representative Welch seconded: motion passes with a roll call vote.
- i. Michael Paolino – Asking Children About Time and Number – Honorable Luneau made a motion to request more information. Attorney Blodgett seconded: motion passes with a roll call vote.
- j. Michael Paolino – Virtual Effects of Opioids on the Human Brain - Honorable Luneau made a motion to request more information. Attorney Blodgett seconded: motion passes with a roll call vote.
- k. Michael Paolino – Foundations in Parent Child Introduction Therapy - – Honorable Luneau made a motion to request more information. Attorney Blodgett seconded: motion passes with a roll call vote.

l. Michael Paolino – Child Sexual Abuse 101 – Honorable Luneau made a motion to request more information. Attorney Blodgett seconded: motion passes with a roll call vote.

m. Michael Paolino – Finding the Evidence Based Practices – Honorable Luneau made a motion to request more information. Attorney Blodgett seconded: motion passes with a roll call vote.

n. Michael Paolino – Minimal Facts Interviewing of Children – Honorable Luneau made a motion to request more information. Attorney Blodgett seconded: motion passes with a roll call vote.

4. Old Business- None.

5. New Business

a. Judges Panel – Set date – January 20, 2023, 1:00-4:00 pm. Chris Horne will end out a PHP to all the GALs in the state. She will also email anyone else that is interested in the training. The training will be held in person at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH, 3rd Floor Hearings Room as well as on Zoom.

b. Ralph Morin Letter – More information is required with regards to the scope of the person he wants to hire. Tabled until December meeting.

c. 2023 Meeting Schedule – Skip January to have the Judges Panel. If the board has something pressing for January can meet prior to the Judges Panel.

d. CASA Letter – FYI to the board that CASA has changed / updated some requirements for the need of hiring as they are very short staffed.

6. Licensure Approval (if applicable) – None.

7. Rules Review and Other Legislative Topics – Itemized billing needs to be put in the rules. Must be done ASAP. Will speak with Tina Kelley.

8. Non-Public Session- Representative Welch made a motion to go into non-public session at 2:26 p.m. Attorney Blodgett seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.

** Motion (in public session) to move into Non-Public session per:*

***RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

** Roll Call Vote*

b. Upon return to public session at 3:07 p.m. Representative Welch made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. Honorable Luneau seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.

9. Adjournment- Attorney Delaney made a motion to adjourn at 3:09 p.m. Representative Welch seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.

a. Next meeting October 21, 2022