

Guardian ad Litem Board
Public Minutes
May 12, 2017 at 1:00 pm
121 South Fruit Street, Concord NH 03301

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on May 12, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 by Chairperson Duncan. Also in Attendance were: Attorney Alan Cantor, Representative David Welch, Attorney Betsy Paine, Honorable Henrietta Luneau, David Villiotti and Senator Kevin Avard. Not in attendance were David Robbins and Attorney Sarah Blodgett. Attending from the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification was Chris Horne. Also present was GAL Todd Prevett.

This was Attorney Alan Cantor's last meeting. The Board expressed great appreciation for his perspective on the Board and his work in the "trenches" as a GAL. He will be greatly missed by all.

Attorney Cantor asked the Board to remember there are reasons a GAL does things and to remember that when the Board receives a complaint.

1. Reading and Approval of April 14, 2017 minutes –

a. Public Agenda- Honorable Luneau made a motion to accept the public minutes as written, Attorney Paine seconded, Senator Avard abstained, and motion passes.

b. Non-Public Agenda- Attorney Paine made a motion to accept the non-public minutes as written, Representative Welch seconded, Senator Avard abstained, and motion passes.

2. Unfinished Business-

a. Domestic Violence training –The Board is all set with the agenda. Attorney Paine wants to make sure that the trainers discuss that a GAL is not an investigator, DCYF assessment workers are the investigators. Attorney Paine wants to make sure this distinction is made.

The Board would like this training recorded for those who can't make it and for those who want to become GALs in the future. The trainers would also like a copy of the recording.

The Board wants the GALs to be informed when they are dealing with DV issues. The Court side of DV will be handled in the larger GAL training.

b. The larger training for a GALs will be split up into two days to make it easier for people to attend. This will make it easier to get trainers, if they can't train on one day they may be able to help on the other day. This will possibly take place on Friday afternoons.

c. There will be a statewide Domestic Violence training that is sponsored by the AGs office in October. Attorney Paine will send this information to us when she receives it. GALs will be able to get qualifying credits from this training.

d. There are a number of trainings available regarding Alcohol and Drug addiction as well as Domestic Violence that the Board feels is a good way for New GALs and current GALs to get training in those areas.

3. Communications General-

a. Members who want to continue with Board- Staff let the Board members know they will need to provide staff with a letter stating why they wish to continue, a resume and 4 references, 2 professional and 2 personal.

Senator Avarad left the meeting at 1:50

4. CEU Requests-

a. Social –Emotional Learning(SEL) & Mindfulness in School Based Settings- 6 CEUs- Approved

b. Issues of Complicated Grief: Effectively Working with Families after Death- 6 CEUs- Approved

c. Increasing Cultural Humility on Issues of Human Trafficing-6 CEUs-Approved

5. Board Updates-

a. Late Reports- Staff will file until the next report and then the Board will look to see if any of the people are also on the quarters report.

b. April 2017 OPLC Board Chairs Quarterly Meeting- Chairperson Duncan went over the Quarterly Board Chairs meeting that was held at the OPLC on April 27, 2017. She emphasized

The discussion guarding Harold Cooney transitioning back to normal life, after retiring from the military

Boards can bill for the reasonable cost to pay an investigator.

The Guardian ad Litem Board is a 125% Board.

6. New Business- The Board asked why and whether they have to use the FTP site. Staff confirmed that it is useful to have especially since the Board has a lot of continuing education requests to review. It is also helpful if the Board receives a large complaint to discuss.

Todd Prevett left the meeting at 2:30

7. Non-Public Session-

a Upon the motion of Attorney Paine and the second of Attorney Cantor, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 2:35 p.m. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 118 N.H. 574(1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous vote of all members present.

b. Upon return to public session-Attorney Paine made a motion to seal the non-public minutes, Honorable Luneau seconded, roll call vote, all in favor, motion passes.

8. Adjournment- Chairperson Duncan made a motion to adjourn at 2:50, all in favor, motion passes

a. The Next meeting will be tentatively at 11 a.m. the day of the training on June 16.

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