

**Guardian ad Litem Board  
Public Minutes  
July 14, 2017 at 1:00pm  
121 South Fruit Street**

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on July 14, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Chairperson Duncan. Also in Attendance were: Representative David Welch, Attorney Betsy Paine, Honorable Henrietta Luneau, David Robbins, Sarah Blodgett and Senator Kevin Avard. Not in attendance was David Villiotti. Attending from the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification was Chris Horne. Also present was GAL Todd Prevett.

**1. Reading and Approval of May 12, 2017 minutes –**

Attorney Paine made a motion to accept the minutes with minor changes, Honorable Luneau seconded, D. Robbins and Attorney Boldgett abstained, motion passes

**2. Unfinished Business-**

a. Robert Lamberti went over the final amendment to 215.04 per JLCAR – referring to media access. This amendment removes 215.04(a). Honorable Luneau made a motion to accept the change, Senator Avard seconded, and motion passes.

b. Next steps for training- The Board is going to try to get the training done in 4 hour blocks. Chairperson Duncan is working on getting a “Judges” Panel for Oct 13. This panel would answer questions on the rules in court, the role of a GAL in NH, professionalism in GAL Practice, liabilities and immunities available to GALs as well as a number of other issues.

There are many other areas of training that the Board will have to assign to others who are qualified to train in that area. The training sub-committee will meet on July 27 at 1 p.m. to put together an outline to be discussed at the next Board meeting.

**3. Communications General-**

A .GAL feedback from DV training- 27 people took the training. The overall feedback was very positive. Some suggested trauma training for new GALs as well as current. note Board approved 4c below.

**4. CEU Requests-**

a. 2016 Law Review Agenda-3 CEUs- Approved

b. Changes in Parental Rights & Responsibilities Act, Other Recent Legislation, and Supreme Court Cases-3 CEUs- Approved

c. Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences & Working with Complex Trauma- 6 CEUs- Approved

## **5. Board Updates-**

a. SB 54- The Board discussed SB54 with Attorney Lamberti. The GAL Board is not a title 30 Board so this law does not apply to the GAL Board. We can post on the website what our requirements are now.

The intent of the Bill is to encourage people from other states to get licensed in NH. The Board would like to survey the surrounding states to see what they have for certifying GALs.

## **6. New Business-** none

Todd Prevett left the meeting at 2:55

## **7. Non-Public Session-**

a Upon the motion of Attorney Paine and the second of D. Robbins the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 2.:55 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-Honorable Luneau made a motion to seal the non-public minutes, D. Robbins seconded, roll call vote, all in favor, motion passes.

## **8. Adjournment-**

Next meeting will be August 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Senator Avard made a motion to adjourn at 3:35 p.m., Attorney Paine seconded, all in favor, motion passes