

GUARDIAN AD LITEM PUBLIC MINUTES

September 8, 2017 AT 1 pm

121 SOUTH FRUIT STREET

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on September 8, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chairperson Duncan. Also in attendance were: Attorney Betsy Paine, Honorable Henrietta Luneau, David Robbins, Attorney Sarah Blodgett and David Villiotti. Not in attendance were Senator Kevin Avard and Representative David Welch. Attending from the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification was Chris Horne. Todd Prevett was also in attendance.

1. **Reading and approval of the minutes from the August 11, 2017-** Attorney Paine made motion to approve the public minutes from August 11, 2017. D. Robbins seconded, Attorney Blodgett and D. Villiotti abstain and motion passes.

2. Unfinished Business-

a. **Training-** The Board went over Chairperson Duncan's proposed agenda for the October 13th training and made a few changes. Honorable Luneau will put together an agenda incorporating the changes. The agenda will then be sent to staff by September 15. Staff will then send the agenda to all the Board members approve, once approved staff will send the approved agenda back to Honorable Luneau to send to the Judges who will be presenting the training by October 6.

Staff will reach out to Maria Doyle about possibly helping the Board with a segment for a GAL training.

b. **Domestic Violence DVD-** D. Robbins made a motion to allow the DVD to be sent to individuals who wish to view the course for 4 CEUS, with an affidavit stating that they viewed the DVD. The individuals will need to return the DVD with the signed affidavit to receive the certificate of completion. Attorney Blodgett seconded, motion passes. Attorney Blodgett will write the affidavit and send it to staff.

3. **Communications General-** none

4. **CEU Requests-** none

5. Board Updates-

a. **Late Reports-**the Board reviewed the letters and staff will send letters to thank the GALs for their response.

b. Study Committee on RSA 461-A information- Chairperson Duncan went to a work session regarding RSA 461-A, Relative to Parental Rights and Responsibilities. She informed the Board of the discussion that took place and let the Board know there is meeting on September 27 at 9am. Attorney Blodgett will be attending. Some Judges may be able attend. The final report will be on November 1, 2017.

6. New Business- none

7. Non-Public Session-

a Upon the motion of Attorney Blodgett and the second of D. Robbins, 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-D. Robbins made a motion to seal the non-public minutes, Attorney Blodgett seconded, roll call vote, all in favor, motion passes.

8. Adjournment-

The next Board meeting is December 8, 2017, unless something comes up.

The Board has the training on October 13, 2017 at 1:00.

D. Robbins made a motion to adjourn at 3:00, Honorable Luneau seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.