

Guardian ad Litem Board

Public Minutes

April 15, 2016

121 South Fruit Street, Concord NH 03301

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on April 15, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Duncan at 1:02. Also in attendance were: Attorney Chris Keating, Attorney Alan Cantor, David Robbins, Attorney Betsy Paine, Master Henrietta Luneau and Representative David Welch. Not present were Senator David Pierce and David Villotti. Attending from the Office of Professional Licensure (OPLC) were Rick Wisler and Attorney Robert Lomberti. Volunteer board member Attorney Todd Prevett also joined the meeting.

2. Reading and Approval of March 18 Minutes:

Chairperson Duncan noted the correct spelling of a court case on page 1 should be “Oligny”. With that one correction Attorney Keating moved, and David Robbins seconded, to approve the corrected minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with one abstention, Attorney Paine, who was not present at the March 18 meeting.

3. Communications General:

a. Attorney Todd Prevett was welcomed to the board as a volunteer member.

b. Division Director/Acting Executive Director Sarah Blodgett was introduced along with Representative Peter Schmidt. Director Blodgett welcomed the Board and offered any assistance as needed. Representative Schmidt complimented the Board on the work they conduct.

4. Unfinished Business:

a. Review of draft letter to Judicial Council regarding GAL funding. After further discussion the Board decided to draft another letter and send to Chairperson Duncan for review and signature. The Board, by consensus, determined no further Board review or action was necessary.

b. GAL draft rules: Interim rules – Attorney Paine moved, seconded by Master Luneau, to approve the interim rules. The motion was approved unanimously. Attorney Lomberti then presented the draft revised rules which incorporated many of the rule changes previously identified by the Board. An additional document was discussed that may result in further revisions at the next meeting.

Representative Welch left the meeting at approximately 2:20.

The Board continued to review the draft revised rules and suggested additional revisions. Following a thorough review of sections 100 through 300, the Board decided to review sections 400 – 500 at their next meeting in May.

Attorney Bob Lomberti left the meeting.

5. CEU Requests:

- a. “I Want To Know What Love Is” - Following a review of the “Petition for Approval of Training” the Board determined additional course information is needed and requested staff to send a letter requesting same. Additionally, the Board approved staff to review all future course submissions and request additional information, if needed, before presenting the material to the Board for final approval.
- b. Michael Paolino – Following a review of Mr. Paolino’s letter the Board determined additional course information is needed and requested staff to send a letter requesting same.
- c. “Ethical Considerations with Pro Se Parties: - 3 CEUs Approved

6. Board Actions & Updates:

The Board confirmed their previous approval of the upcoming meeting dates from May through August, 2016.

7. New Business:

- a. Late reports – The Board reviewed and accepted the report.
- b. Board Mileage – The Board reviewed the staff’s analysis of the governing regulations not allowing mileage reimbursement to Board members. Attorney Keating moved, and David Robbins seconded, asking staff to prepare an LSR for the next legislative session that will allow such payments in the future. Unanimously approved.

8. Non-Public Meeting:

Attorney Keating moved, and Attorney Paine seconded, to go in to a Non-Public meeting for the purpose of discussing matters which if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of a person or persons who is not a member of this body pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c). Roll call vote, unanimously approved.

Return to public session – Attorney Keating moved, and David Robbins seconded, to seal the non-public minutes. Unanimously approved.

9. Adjournment:

A motion was made and appropriately seconded, unanimously approved, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15.