

Guardian ad Litem Board
Public Minutes
December 16, 2016 at 1:00 pm
121 South Fruit Street, Concord NH 03301

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on December 16, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Chairperson Duncan. Also in Attendance were: Attorney Sarah Blodgett, Attorney Alan Cantor, Attorney Betsy Paine, David Robbins, Honorable Henrietta Luneau and David Villiotti. Not present were Representative David Welch and Senator David Pierce. Attending from the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification was Chris Horne.

1. Approval of October 21, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes-

The minutes are pending changes that will be discussed at the January 20, 2017 meeting.

2. Unfinished Business-

- a. The public hearing on the change to 215.05 and removal of 214.04- Conduct of Public Hearings related to the media will be at the January 20th meeting.
- b. Attorney Lamberti is proofreading the rules. We will be able to upload the new forms on our website as soon that is done.

3. Communications General-

- a. Schedule Meetings for 2017- The meetings will be scheduled for the second Friday of each month beginning February 10, 2017.
- b. Representative Welch- Term ends this month. Chairperson Duncan indicated he will be reinstated for another term.
- c. Replacement for Senator Pierce- Chairperson Duncan spoke to the Senate President's aid and requested a nomination for his replacement.

4. CEU Requests-

- a. Substance Use and Abuse: Implications for Parenting 7 CEUs- Approved
- b. MA Collaborative Law Council Introductory Collaborative Practice Training 18 CEUs- agendas and bios of the presenters were requested by the Board for review.
- c. The Intersection of Sharia Law and State Divorce Law: When Culture Collides with Code. 1.5 CEUs - Approved

5. Board Updates-

a. GAL Late Reports- Discussed the Late Reports. Attorney Blodgett questioned whether the reviews should be more than an FYI. Will discuss this at the January meeting.

b. Locations of the GAL Needs in the State- Judge Kelly assured Chairperson Duncan there are sufficient GALs spread throughout the state. However the Board feels there is a need for more GALs. Attorney Blodgett has seen a rise in needed funds. When CASA is not available the courts try to appoint a GAL, who will accept the case.

Attorney Blodgett left the meeting at 2:00.

6. New Business-

a. Training- Dave Robbins, Chairperson Duncan and Chris Horne will meet on January 12 to discuss areas of necessary training. Staff will go through rules and make a note of the training requirements and forward them to Chairperson Duncan and Dave Robbins.

Board feels there needs to be more Domestic Violence Training. Attorney Paine will bring minutes from the NHCADSV meeting so the Board can review them for possible future training opportunities.

7. Non-Public Session- Upon the motion of Dave Robbins and the second of Honorable Luneau, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing pending investigations and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 11 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 the unanimous vote of all members present.

a. Upon return to public session-Dave Robbins made a motion to seal the Non-Public minutes, Attorney Paine seconded, unanimous to seal.

8. Adjournment- David Villotti moved to adjourn the meeting, Attorney Cantor seconded to adjourn at 3:30. All in favor, unanimous