

**Guardian ad Litem**  
Public Minutes  
June 8, 2018, at 1 pm  
121 South Fruit Street

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on June 8, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Duncan at 1:08 p.m. Also in attendance were: David Villiotti, Dave Robbins, Attorney Todd Prevett, Attorney Betsy Paine, Representative David Welch and Attorney Sarah Blodgett. Not in attendance were Honorable Henrietta Luneau and Senator Kevin Avard. Attending from the Office of Professional licensure and Certification was Chris Horne. Will Pierson and Lauren Myers who are interning at CASA this summer were also present.

**1. Reading and approval of the May 11, 2018 minutes-**

a. Reading and Approval of the Public Minutes from May 11, 2018- Attorney Paine made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2018 meeting. D. Robbins seconded, Attorney Blodgett and Representative Welch abstained and motion passes.

**2. Unfinished Business-** none

**3. Communications General-**

a. Model Court Project Highlights- the Board discussed the report and Attorney Paine shared that there have been 177 new CASAs trained on TPRs since January 1, 2018.

**4. CEU Requests-** none

**5. Board Updates-**

a. Late Reports- responses received- staff will send a note thanking the GALs for their responses. Board discussed that sometimes a verbal date change doesn't get entered into the system. This poses an issue when the late report is generated.

b. Letter from Ardith Lee- Staff will send a letter to her thanking her for her service and asking her for some insights about GALs.

c. HB 1775- the Governor hasn't signed this Bill into law yet. Chairperson Duncan has been following and will keep the Board posted.

**6. New Business-**

a. Chairperson Duncan had staff send the report "Who cares for the children whose parents are using substances?" to all the Board members. The Board requested that Staff send the report to all GALs. Attorney Paine said that CASA spoke with the Governor's office about this issue a few years ago. There has been a large increase in TPRs this year.

b. Staff will send information to the Board on how many GALs there are and how many temporary GALs there are.

c. Staff will send an email to the GALs to have them save the date for the upcoming AGs training on a future without violence. September 5 and 6 at the Radisson in Manchester, NH. Some of the courses offered may be eligible for new GAL certification requirements.

d. Staff will speak with Attorney Prevett on a date to schedule a training for the new GALs. A Judges training will be later in the year when we have a few more that need to take this portion of the training.

**7. Non-Public Session-**

a. Upon the motion of D. Robbins and the second of Attorney Blodgett, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 1:10 p.m. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II(j), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 118N.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 minutes, D. Robbins seconded, roll call vote and motion passes

**8. Adjournment-**

a. The next meeting will be on July 13, 2018.

b. Representative Welch made a motion to adjourn at 2:40pm. Attorney Prevett seconded, all in favor and meeting adjourned.