

Guardian ad Litem Board  
Public Minutes  
June 14, 2019  
121 South Fruit Street

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on June 14, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Duncan at 1:33 p.m. Also in attendance were: Representative David Welch, David Robbins, Attorney Betsy Paine, and Attorney Todd Prevett. Not present were, Attorney Sarah Blodgett, Honorable Henrietta Luneau, David Villiotti and Senator Hennessey. Attending from the Office of Professional licensure and Certification was Chris Horne. Theresa Farley was present as a member of the audience.

This meeting is the last for Dave Robbins. He is retiring to Florida. The Board wishes him well and let him know he will be greatly missed. Thank you Dave for all your hard work.

1. **Reading and approval of the April 12, 2019 Minutes-** Attorney Paine made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2019 meeting. Representative Welch seconded. All in favor and motion passes.

2. **Reading and Approval of the Minutes from May 10, 2019** Attorney Paine made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2019 meeting. D. Robbins seconded. Attorney Prevett and Representative Welch abstain and motion passes.

3. **Unfinished Business-**

a. **Rules Change Discussion Around Continuing Education- Online courses and live courses.-** Board would like a few changes to the Cont. Ed. Section. Change “attend” to “complete”. 15 hours must be live and 15 could be online. Course recorded by the GAL Board will be considered a live course.

The Board would also like to remove GAL 203.03 (c-g).

b. **Rules Change Discussion for 503.06(h)-** Judge Carbon discussed last month and sent email with “new” language. This new language will be given to Attorney Broderick for submission to JLCAR

Next meeting staff will have a write up of the Boards proposed changes.

c. the Board would like to look into have a virtual learning for those in the North Country.

d. SPARK NH would be a great resource for training. They have a video called Resilience that would be a good training. Staff will reach out to Laura Milican to see if we may borrow for training.

e. New Futures also has trainings. Attorney Paine is going to see if they can offer anything to help the Board out with trainings.

f. Chairperson Duncan is going to talk with Ned Gordon about trainings.

4. **Communications General-** talked about the Domestic Violence DVD and how it is hard getting people to return them. Would like to see if there is a way it can be viewed online in a password protected log in.

5. **CEU Requests-**

a. Domestic Violence and Mediation-6 hrs.- approved

**6. Board Updates-**

a. Number of GALs- as of June 14, 2019-

1. Current- 62 plus 1 no longer accepting appointments
2. Temp- 6
3. 3 new applications

b. Survey Results- the Board will review at the next meeting. Staff will do a breakdown of the results in case loads and training areas.

Staff will work with Attorney Prevett on a new survey to send out to the GALs. Board had a general discussion about payment and hours as pro bono.

c. Date for a Judges Panel?- Chairperson is working on a date.

**7. New Business-** for the next meeting Staff is going to send an email out to everyone to let them know we may have quorum issues. This will give everyone time to plan ahead.

**8. Non-Public Session-**

a. Upon the motion of D. Robbins and the second of Representative Welch, the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 2:45 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 Prevett seconded, roll call vote, and motion passes.

**9. Adjournment-**

a. Next Meeting July 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

b. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.