

Guardian ad Litem Board
Public Minutes
December 13, 2019
121 South Fruit Street, Concord

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on December 13, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Duncan at 1:10 p.m. Also in attendance were: Representative David Welch, Attorney Betsy Paine, Attorney Todd Prevett and Attorney Sarah Blodgett. Not present were Honorable Henrietta Luneau, David Villiotti, Representative Ned Gordon and Senator Hennessey. Attending from the Office of Professional licensure and Certification was Chris Horne. Ginger Ross was present to discuss a training.

1. **Reading and approval of the October 11, 2019 Minutes-** Attorney Prevett made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2019 meeting as written. Representative Welch seconded, all in favor and motion passes.

2. **Unfinished Business-**

- a. “Jades Law” HB 427- to get the support of the legislators it was placed in a section of another law. The Board had questioned this and Representative Gordon looked into this for the Board. The hope is that the judges will do the right thing.

3. **Communications General-**

- a. 2020 Meeting Dates- noted
- b. Nuts and Bolts Training update- Attorney Prevett talked about how well the training went. Staff received some emails with positive feedback on the training and the presenter. There were 17 attendees. Some of the attendees have now completed the 4 required trainings to be a GAL.

4. **CEU Requests-**

- a. Recovery 101 for GALs, CASAs, CPSWs- Attorney Prevett made a motion to approve this course for the 6 hours per day. Attorney Blodgett seconded, all in favor and motion passes. Staff will post the course information on the website. Ginger Ross will also be putting a ½ day course together. Approved for 18 hours (6 hours per day).
- b. MA GAL Annual Conference, Parental Alienation- Attorney Paine made a motion to approve the course for 8 hours. Attorney Blodgett seconded, all in favor and motion passes. Approved 8 hours
- c. Interpersonal Domestic Violence- 2Hrs.- Attorney Paine made a motion to deny this course. It does not meet the needs of a GAL. Course is more geared towards a mediator. Attorney Blodgett seconded, all in favor and motion passes.

5. Board Updates-

a. Number of GALs- as of October 4, 2019- noted

1. Current- 64 plus 2 are no longer accepting appointments
2. Temp-5 (5 new)

6. New Business-

a. Late Reports- Although the dates are close. Staff will send a letter to check in with the GALs.

b. New Trainings will be coming next year. A court improvement project with new protocols for missing and absent parents.

7. Non-Public Session-

a. Upon the motion of Representative Welch and the second of Attorney Prevett, 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 at 3:05 p.m. Representative Welch made a motion to seal the non- public minutes. Attorney Prevett seconded, roll call vote, and motion passes.

8. Adjournment-

a. Next Meeting January 17, 2019