

Guardian ad Litem Board
Public Minutes
April 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
121 South Fruit Street, Concord

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on April 17, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Duncan at 1:40 p.m. Also in attendance were: Attorney Betsy Paine, Representative Ned Gordon Attorney Sarah Blodgett and Senator Martha Hennessey. Not present were Representative David Welch, Attorney Todd Prevett, Dave Villiotti and Honorable Henrietta Luneau. Attending from the Office of Professional licensure and Certification was Chris Horne. This was a Zoom meeting and members of the public did have access.

1. **Reading and approval of the February 21, 2020 Minutes-** Attorney Paine made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2020 meeting. Attorney Blodgett seconded, Senator Hennessey abstained and motion passes by roll call vote.

2. **Unfinished Business-** the Board is wondering the status of the rules updates they had worked on. Staff will update for next meeting.

3. **Communications General-**

a. Administrative Law Training- postponed till June-

b. Attorney Paine discussed some resources that the Board should post on the website relating to the COVID crisis. She will send these to staff to post online.

4. **CEU Requests-**

a. Sex Offenders and the Opioid Epidemic- 6hrs. Chairperson Duncan made a motion to approve this class for 6 hrs. Attorney Paine seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

b. Choices, Peer Recovery Coach Trainings, Motivational Interviewing-6hrs.- will be reviewed at next meeting.

c. Using the Drama Triangle in Psychotherapy-1 hr.- N. Gordon made a motion to approve this class for 1 hrs. Senator Hennessey seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

d. Psybersick: Internet Pathology and Social Media Addiction-6 hrs.- the agenda was reviewed to confirm the vote at a prior meeting.

e. Educational Advocacy- Educational Evaluations, What you Need to Know- 1.5 hr. this course is approved for 1.5 hrs. GAL will need to include the certificate of attendance to receive credit and to verify it was for 1.5 hr.

f. Trauma Informed Legal Advocacy-1.5 hr this course is approved for 1.5 hr. GAL will need to include the certificate of attendance to receive credit and to verify it was for 1.5 hr.

g. Common Mental Disorders: Diagnosis and Treatment-4 hrs.-will be reviewed at the next meeting

h. What We Know About Acting Out Teens-6hrs- Attorney Paine made a motion to approve this class for 6 hrs. N. Gordon seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

i. Working with Traumatized Teen and Young Adults: How To Get Unhooked-3hrs- Attorney Paine made a motion to approve this class for 6 hrs. N. Gordon seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

j. An Introduction to Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. An Evidence Based Treatment for Children and Adolescents-3 hrs. Attorney Paine made a motion to approve this class for 6 hrs. N. Gordon seconded, all in favor by roll call vote and motion passes.

5. Board Updates-

a. Flyer for Recovery Foundation for GALs- Flyer attached-from Ginger Ross-Ginger will need to submit new dates for her training since the first date is cancelled due to the COVID virus.

6. New Business-

a. email from Kaye Brazier- the Board will discuss this at the next meeting. Attorney Blodgett will review for discussion at the next meeting. Board needs to be assured it is appropriate. Staff will also reach out to Kaye Brazier to see what they mean by “sponsor”.

b. Child Abuse Protocols, save the date- noted

c. Partnering for a Future Without Violence, save the date-noted

d. Challenges for the GAL during the COVID-19 virus- a few of the issues are can't do home visits, phone interviews are very difficult, hard to get continuing education completed.

Board discussed the deceptive lull in cases being reported to DCYF. Many times it is the teachers or doctors who report cases. A large amount of cases will probably be reported once things open back up. Court hearings are still taking place telephonically.

7. Non-Public Session-

a. Upon the motion of Attorney Paine and the second of Attorney Blodgett the Board, by roll call vote, voted to conduct a non-public session at 1:55 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 2:05 p.m. Attorney Paine made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. Attorney Blodgett seconded, roll call vote, and motion passes.

8. Adjournment- the Board adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

a. Next Meeting May 15, 2020. This may also be a Zoom meeting.