

Guardian ad Litem Board
Public Minutes
June 17, 2022, 1:00 p.m.
7 Eagle Square, Concord

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on June 17, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Duncan at 1:05 p.m. Also, in attendance were: Representative David Welch, Attorney Caroline Delaney, Representative Ned Gordon, Honorable Henrietta Luneau, David Villiotti and Attorney Sarah Blodgett. Not in attendance was Senator Avard. Attending from OPLC was Chris Horne and Shana Warriner.

1. **Reading and approval of the February 17, 2022, Minutes-** Attorney Blodgett made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2022, meeting. Representative Welch seconded, Honorable Luneau and D. Villiotti abstain and motion passes.

2. **Unfinished Business-** noted

- a. Trainings for 2022-
 1. Domestic Violence- Scheduled for June 22, 2022, 2-4 pm
 2. Judges Panel- TBD
 3. Nuts and Bolts Training-Scheduled for June 18, 2022- Ralph wants to know if the Board wants to add anything. - Board requested Ralph Morin to make sure he covers itemized billing.

3. **Communications General-** status update

- a. HB 1520- Gal's to provide itemized bills to paying party and upon request to any party to the case. Board will need to address itemized billing with rules changes.
- b. HB 1515- relative to procedures for GALs in family court proceedings- do not pass
- c. HB 1612- relative to confidentiality of reports made to DCYF and requiring GALS to be appointed in certain circumstances- did not pass

4. **CEU Requests-**

- a. Partnering for a Future without Violence, September 7-8, 2022-Attorney Blodgett made a motion to approve this course. Attorney Delaney seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- b. The Value of Empathy in the Patient-Clinician Relationship 1 hr.-. Attorney Delaney made a motion to approve this course. D. Villiotti seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- c. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: Overview, Strategies and Interventions for Common clinical Presentations and Problems- 3 hrs.- Honorable Luneau made a motion to approve this course. Attorney Blodgett seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- d. Improving Cultural Competence, Part 1 Introduction to the Cultural Competence- 2hr.- Attorney Blodgett made a motion to approve this course. Representative Welch seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.
- e. Bullying in children and Adolescents- 3 hrs.- D. Villiotti made a motion to approve this course. Honorable Luneau seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

f. Mandatory abuse Reporting-1 hr.- Representative Gordon made a motion to approve this course. Honorable Luneau seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

g. Using HIPPA in the Real World: A review- 1hr.- Representative Gordon made a motion to approve this course. Honorable Luneau seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

h. ADHD in Children and Adolescents-4hrs.- Representative Welch made a motion to approve this course. Attorney Blodget seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.

i. Ethic and Boundary Issues- 5 hrs.- Chairperson Duncan made a motion to approve this course. Attorney Blodget seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.

5. Renewals – February to current- noted

a. Lynn Aaby

b. Mary Ann Callanan

c. Kathy Ann Cellamare

d. Kristine L Keeler

e. Michael C Shklar

f. Lisa Wolford

6. Board Updates-

a. Standing order on Returned Licensee Fee Payments-Attorney Blodget made a motion to approve the standing order. D. Villiotti seconded and motion passes with a roll call vote.

b. Late Reports- noted

1. 1st Quarter- no late reports

2. 4th Quarter – 2 GALs- both 3 or less days late

7. New Business

a. Gayle Drobat, John Hyde- 10-minute oral argument with the Board on complaint dismissal- Oral Argument opened at 1:46 p.m. Attorney Blodget discussed the purpose of the oral argument and the rules pertaining to it.

Ms. Drobat and John Hyde spoke to the Board about their case. Board asked questions for clarification on specific issues raised by the complainant regarding filings with the court.

Honorable Luneau recuses herself from deliberations.

Attorney Delaney recuses herself from deliberations

Oral Argument closed at 2:20 p.m.

b. Ethical requirement of a GAL not to accept an appointment in a case if she/ he has had business, a professional or social relationship with a Judge.- Judges must recuse themselves if there are any conflicts. GALs and Lawyers must disclose. Board would like to discuss this at the next meeting with Board council.

8. **Non-Public Session-** Representative Welch made a motion to go into non-public session at 2:24 p.m. Attorney Blodget seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.

** Motion (in public session) to move into Non-Public session per:*

***RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

** Roll Call Vote*

b. Upon return to public session at 2:55 p.m. Representative Gordon made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session. Attorney Blodget seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.

9. **Adjournment-** Attorney Blodget made a motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. D. Villiotti seconded, and motion passes with a roll call vote.

a. Next meeting July 15, 2022