



State of New Hampshire Guardian ad Litem Board

Public Minutes February 21, 2014

Legislative Office Building Room 101

Members Present: Susan Duncan, Chair, Chris Keating, Ann Larney,
Master Henrietta Luneau, Dave Robbins,
Former Board member Nina Gardner Pursuant to RSA 490:C 3 IV

Members Absent: Alan Cantor, Representative Deanna Rollo, Senator David Pierce, David Villiotti

Chairwoman Duncan called the meeting to order at 1:00pm

A quorum was present.

1. Public Comment

- a. There was no public present.

C. Keating moved to go into non-public session for the purposes of discussing a matter which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of a person or persons who is not a member of this body pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c). A. Larney seconded. A roll call vote was taken:

*Susan Duncan, Aye, Chris Keating, Aye, Ann Larney, Aye,
Master Henrietta Luneau, Aye, Dave Robbins, Aye*

~Non-Public Session~

A. Larney left the meeting during non-public session. Pursuant to RSA 490:C3IV former Board member Nina Gardner took her place. A quorum was still present.

C. Keating made a motion to go back into public session. M. Luneau seconded. Vote: 5-0. Motion passes.

2. GAL Statistics as of February 21, 2014

- a. 93 Certified GALs
 - i. 1 is on an alteration of time to complete CEUs
 - ii. 3 are no longer accepting appointments
 - iii. 2 are temporary for the purpose of completing an appointment
 - iv. Technically, there are 87 Certified GALs able & willing to serve.
- b. 13 GALs expired in January & February
 - i. 2 have pending re-certification applications.
- c. 18 GALs are still within the 90 day re-certification period
 - i. 4 have pending re-certification applications.
- d. 72 GALs are certified in Family Division
- e. 77 GALs are certified in District Court
- f. 90 GALs are certified in Superior Court
- g. 80 GALs are certified in Probate Court

3. Board Actions & Updates

- a. 2014 House-Senate Bills
 - i. HB 1343 Relative to guardian ad litem fees and complaints
 - 1. At the last sub-committee session the bill was amended to eliminate the Board from the bill.
 - 2. The full committee is scheduled to have an Executive Session Tuesday March 4th 10:00am.
- b. Financial Interest Statements
 - i. All financial interest statements including 2 former Board members have been sent to the Secretary of State's office with an updated organizational chart.
- c. RTK Request
 - i. Mike Puiia for Barbara Salvo-Wallack's 2013 Re-Certification Application
 - ii. Mike Puiia for November 2013 Public Minutes
 - 1. Mr. Puiia submitted suggested corrections to the public minutes of November 2013.
 - 2. The Board reviewed the corrections and took no action.
 - iii. Rochelle Colburn for Kysa Crusco certification dates
- d. In an effort to improve, the Chair and Administrative Secretary are now meeting weekly.
 - i. The administrative secretary provides a weekly status report.
- e. Elect a Vice-Chair
 - i. C. Keating made a motion to elect himself as vice chair. S. Duncan seconded. Vote: 5-0. Motion passes.
- f. Communication from Sunny Mulligan
 - i. Does her probate training from 2004 still count today?
 - 1. Her certification expired in 2008.
 - 2. Her re-certification packet was received after the 90 day deadline.
 - 3. The Board granted her temporary certification until 30 days after the Fall 2009 training.
 - 4. Fall 2009 she took the General Training and Superior and was certified as a new applicant under GAL 401.06.
 - 5. She did have a timely renewal in November 2012.
 - ii. The Board agreed that if a GAL has to apply as a new GAL because they did not renew by the deadline; they can still be listed on all the court specific trainings that they previously took. A GAL cannot be listed in as a court specific GAL unless they have taken the GAL court specific training.
- g. Ralph Holder emails
 - i. Mr. Holder is constantly inundating the GAL email inbox.
 - ii. The emails do not have to do with the Board.
 - iii. The Board agreed that the staff no longer needs to respond to his emails.
 - iv. All emails will be forwarded to the Chair and screened for the need of Board action.
- h. Certification expiration dates
 - i. When a GAL renews what date should be used for the 3 year period?
 - 1. The original certification date or the date the Board voted on renewal?
 - ii. There have been inconsistencies over the years.
 - iii. The Board agreed that the expiration date should be consistent with the original certification date as long as they have submitted their renewal packets before the expiration date.

4. Late Reports

- a. All Family courts reporting for 4th Quarter of 2013.
- b. The Board reviewed the list of late reporters.

C. Keating made a motion to adjourn. M. Luneau seconded. Vote: 5-0. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.

Items on agenda held until March Meeting:

1. Review Minutes
2. Discuss the proposed new format for minutes
3. Continuing Education Requests
4. Website
5. Employee Handbook
6. Rules Only Meeting
7. Meeting Packets
8. Board notification of fines for GALs
9. Rehearing/Reconsideration Rules
10. Training
11. New Computer Hardware & Software