



State of New Hampshire Guardian ad Litem Board

Public Minutes

March 20, 2015

Legislative Office Building Room 101

Members Present: Susan Duncan, Chair, Chris Keating, Vice-Chair, Master Henrietta Luneau, Dave Robbins Dave Villiotti

Members Absent: Alan Cantor, Betsy Paine, Senator David Pierce, Representative Dave Welch,

1. Public Comment

There was no public present.

2. Review Minutes

Public Hearing Rebecca Hewson January 2015: C. Keating made a motion to approve the minutes. D. Robbins seconded. Vote: 4-0-1. D. Robbins abstaining. Motion passes.

Full Board Public Minutes February 2015: D. Robbins made a motion to approve the minutes. M. Luneau seconded. Vote: 4-0-1. D. Villiotti abstaining. Motion passes.

3. GAL Statistics as of March 20, 2015

- a. 85 Certified GALs
 - i. 1 are no longer accepting appointments
 - ii. 3 are temporary for the purpose of completing an appointment
 - iii. Technically, there are 81 Certified GALs able & willing to serve.
- b. 0 GALs expire in March
- c. 3 GALs are still within the 90 day re-certification period
- d. 57 GALs are certified in Family Division
- e. 65 GALs are certified in District Court
- f. 82 GALs are certified in Superior Court
- g. 72 GALs are certified in Probate Court

4. Board Actions & Updates

House Bills

The Board reviewed the list of House and Senate Bills that affect the Board and/or GALs and their status within the legislature.

Recused Board members attending public hearings

The Board discussed whether or not they should create a policy stating that if a Board member is recused from a case they will still not attend the public hearing if one should arise.

Ralph Morin Resume

Mr. Morin directed a client of his to the GAL office to obtain copy of resume, rather than providing it himself. The Board was confused as to why Mr. Morin would do that.

Create a list of GALs who would work for \$60/hr

The Board office has received a couple of phone calls from citizens wondering if the Board knew which GALs would work for \$60/hr. It is unknown why parties are calling the Board as the courts have this information and take the parties financial interests into account. The parties do not hand pick the GAL.

The Board office received the \$500 fine from Mary Ann Callanan from February Decision and Order.

The Board office has sent out a second letter to Rebecca Hewson in an attempt to collect the fine from her January Decision and Order. If after 30 days as stated in the letter the office does not receive a response from Ms. Hewson the case will get handed over to the AG's office for collection.

5. CEU Requests

The Board reviewed the information it requested at the last meeting for CEUs. After review, M. Luneau made a motion to approve Autism Parenting 101 for 2 CEUs. D. Robbins seconded. Vote: 5-0. Motion passes. M. Luneau made a motion to approve Understanding Bullying for 1.5 CEUs. D. Robbins seconded. Vote: 5-0. Motion passes.

6. Mary Ann Callanan Order

The Board reviewed the respondents motion to clarify and amend the December 9, 2015 Decision and Order to conform to the Settlement Agreement. The Prosecutor has no objections. The basis of the motion is that in the order the Board only acknowledges and accepts Ms. Callanan's wrong doings as explained in the settlement agreement and does not find her in violation of any GAL rules. D. Robbins made a motion to grant the motion and authorize C. Keating to sign on behalf of the Board. M. Luneau seconded. Vote: 5-0. Motion passes.

7. Non-Public Session

M. Luneau 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). D. Robbins seconded. A roll call vote was taken:

Susan Duncan, Aye, Chris Keating, Aye, Master Henrietta Luneau, Aye, Dave Robbin, Aye, Dave Villiotti, Aye

~Non-Public Session~

During Non-Public Session D. Villiotti & H. Luneau left the room recused. A Quorum was no longer present. The remaining board members had a discussion but no decisions were made.

During Non-Public Session D. Villiotti & H. Luneau returned to the room and a quorum was retained.

C. Keating made a motion to return to public session. S. Duncan seconded. Vote: 5-0. Motion passes

8. Rules

The Board discussed the possibility of adding mentoring to the list of approved activities for Continuing Education. The discussion included getting credit by either receiving mentorship or providing mentorship. It was agreed that there should be a maximum number of CEUs to claim for mentoring. It was decided that Board staff would work with C. Keating and S. Duncan to draft rules for mentoring for the May 2015 meeting.

The Board reviewed a list of other Board common sense rules. They went through each one and decided whether or not they wanted to incorporate them into the rules. Board staff will work with C. Keating and S. Duncan to incorporate the new rules into Chapter 500.

9. Training

The Board is holding off on putting on a training until the new rules are written. The Board would like to offer a CEU to certified GALs in the fall.

C. Keating made a motion to adjourn. S. Duncan seconded. Vote: 5-0. Motion passes.