

Guardian ad Litem Board
Public Minutes
September 16, 2016 at 1:00 pm
121 South Fruit Street, Concord NH 03301

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on September 16, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 by Chairperson Duncan. Also in Attendance were: Attorney Sarah Blodgett, Attorney Alan Cantor, Attorney Betsy Paine, David Robbins, Representative David Welch, Honorable Henrietta Luneau and David Villotti. Not present was Senator David Pierce. Attending from the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification were Chris Horne and Attorney Robert Lamberti.

1 – Approval of August 18, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes: Attorney Paine moved to approve the minutes as written, Dave Robbins seconded. Abstaining were Chairperson Duncan, David Villotti and Honorable Luneau.

2 – Unfinished Business: Briefed the Board members who were not present at the previous meeting's rules hearing on what the comments were. Board discussed staff giving extensions if needed, in certain circumstances, where GAL can't get response in on time. Staff has not run into any issues with GALs getting requested information back on time.

Attorney Lamberti has not received the JLCAR comments yet on the proposed rules. He received the draft comments on September 16. He expects the rest next week. Most of the issues with the draft are editorial fixes.

The Board scheduled a meeting on September 29, 2016 at 8:30 to go over JLCARs comments and to vote on them. Board will receive draft of comments as soon as the staff gets them. Any issues for discussion will go out to all. Attorney Lamberti will be in contact with Chairperson Duncan with any questions that he can't answer, so that we can stay on board for the October 20th JLCAR meeting. Ideally this should keep us on track for the Oct 20 JLCAR meeting and new rules being effective on Oct 21. Some Board members will plan on going to the Oct 20 JLCAR meeting. Attorney Lamberti will let us know if we don't need to go.

If we can't vote on final proposal September 29th it will put us to Nov for JLCAR. It would create a period of time with no rules. We could be a couple of weeks with no rules, without rules can't do complaints, applications and renewals. Would only have statutes to fall back on.

Dave Robbins brought up last meeting's wording of what was voted on at the last meeting. The Board decided that "not in excess" is too limiting. Decided to change the wording to take out "Single" course of study to make the wording to "Course(s) not in excess of"

3 – Communications General: none

4 – CEU Requests:

- a. Recognizing Violence as a Household Pattern: Overlap of Intimate Partner Violence, Child Abuse and Animal Abuse, 1 CEU- Approved
- b. JPPO training, 10 CEUs- Approved
- c. Coaching Families from Dysfunctional Families, 6.50 CEUs - Approved
- d. Advocating for the Advocate: The Role of the CAC Director, 1 CEU-Approved
- e. Caught in the Crossfire – How the Abuse of Animals Co-Occurs with Family Violence, 1 CEU-
_Approved
- f. Child Development 101, 2 CEUs -Approved
- g. Content for It’s a Crisis for Me Too! Helping Non-Offending Parents in Child Sexual Abuse,
1.50 CEUs - Approved
- h. Drug Endangered Children, 1 CEU - Approved
- i. The 10 Lies You Learn Growing up with Domestic Violence and the Truths to Set You Free, 1
CEU - Approved
- j. Working with the Non-Offending Care Giver, 1 CEU – Approved
- k. Parents apart Program, 9 CEUs- Approved

5 - Board Updates:

- a. Stats- Attorney Paine asked the staff if we can track the courts where the GALs are active. Chairperson Duncan is going to speak to Judge Kelly to get a geographic map of where the GALs are located.

Attorney Sarah Blodgett left the meeting at 2:30

6 – New Business:

- a. Board selection of Vice-Chair: nominated Attorney Blodgett. Board will discuss at next Board meeting. Staff will change certificates to say Board member, instead of Vice-Chair so we can get the certificates signed and mailed out.
- b. Dave Robbins-talked about ways of offering training- DCYF offers training. Can we look at that? Should we ask judges & lawyers as we have in the past? Community action television- may be a good area to record future trainings.

7 Non-Public Session: David Robbins moved, and Representative Welch seconded, to go into a Non-Public meeting for the purpose of discussing matters which if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of a person or persons who is not a member of this body pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c). Roll call vote, unanimous

After voting to come back in to public session, Dave Robbins motioned to seal the minutes, Representative Welch seconded. All in favor.

8 Adjournment: moved, seconded as required, unanimous to adjourn at 3:36