

Guardian ad Litem Board
Public Minutes
May 20, 2016
121 South Fruit Street, Concord NH 03301

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on May 20, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Duncan at 1:12. Also in attendance were: Attorney Chris Keating, Attorney Alan Cantor, David Robbins, Attorney Betsy Paine, Honorable Henrietta Luneau and Representative David Welch. Not present were David Villotti and Senator David Pierce. Attending from the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification were Rick Wisler, Chris Horne and Attorney Robert Lomberti. Also in attendance was Ralph Morin (GAL)

2. Communications General- Chairperson Duncan welcomes Ralph Morin. Ralph Morin states that for some time he has wanted to attend a meeting to express comments including fee limits that do not meet standard of service. Chairperson Duncan and the board understand the concern and explain the challenges in funding the fees. Ralph Morin offers an example of low fee limits for review periods.

David Welch enters meeting at 1:30.

Ralph Morin and the board then had general discussion on needed training topics. Specialty areas (Chins), (ECT Therapy) and some probate areas.

Chairperson Duncan thanks Ralph Morin for attending and offering his concerns. Board will take under advisement.

3. Reading and Approval of April 15 Minute- Attorney Paine moved, David Robbins seconds.

Unanimous.

Approval of Non-public minutes- Attorney Paine moved, Honorable Luneau seconds.

Unanimous.

4. Unfinished Business-

a. GAL rules 400s and 500s initial review. Board reviewed the old vs. new renewal form (based on draft rules) and expressed their approval of the new streamlined form. Approved to proceed with revised 400 rules. Reviewed 500s, minor change to 503.11 (d). Board wishes to delete 503.10. After discussion on 503.06, move (b) to (a), and change existing (a) (1) "...and reasonably believes the relationship would negatively impact..." or similar. Attorney Lomberti will draft language and present at next meeting. Delete 503.18. Change 503.02(a) from "in good faith" to "reasonably in the best interests of the child".

Attorney Keating leaves meeting approx. 2:45.

b. GAL rules 100s, 200s, and 300s second review. 303.01 (c) could mean required hours over any years, not recent or contiguous. Change rules and application to delete reference to years and retain hours.

1. Certification Application initial review. Board approved new style.

5.CEU Requests-

- a. The New World of GALs for Lawyers and Courts (and Gals)- 5.75 CEUs approved

6. Board Updates-

- a. Late GAL reports. Moved discussion to non-public session.
- b. Domestic Violence (Dove) Project 2014- 5.5 CEUs approved

7. New Business- None

8. Non-Public Session- David Robbins moved, and Honorable Luneau 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 unanimously approved.

- a. Return from Non-Public David Robbins motioned to seal the non-public minutes, Representative Welch, unanimous

9. Adjournment- 3:35