

**Guardian ad Litem Board
Public Minutes
July 15, 2016
121 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301**

A meeting of the Guardian ad Litem Board was held on July, 15, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Duncan at 1:20. Also in attendance were: Attorney Sarah Blodgett, Attorney Alan Cantor, Attorney Betsy Paine, Honorable Henrietta Luneau (joined the meeting at 1:55) and Representative David Welch. Not present were David Villotti, David Robbins and Senator David Pierce. Attending from the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification were Rick Wisler and Chris Horne and Attorney Robert Lamberti. Also in attendance was Attorney Todd Prevett (GAL). Linda Capuchino and the Executive Director of the OPLC, Peter Danles joined the meeting at 1:25

1. Call to order:

Called to order at 1:20 by Chairperson Duncan. Attorney Blodgett was welcomed by Chairperson Duncan and offered any assistance as needed. At a future meeting a vice-chair will be elected to replace past Vice-Chair Attorney Keating.

2. Reading and Approval of June 17, 2016 Minutes:

Representative Welch moved, Attorney Cantor seconded. Attorney Paine and Attorney Blodgett abstained as they had not attended that meeting. Unanimous vote to approve by remaining members. Linda Capuchino and Peter Danles, Executive Director of the OPLC joined the meeting. Chairperson Duncan welcomed Peter Danles, to the board meeting and offered any assistance.

3. Unfinished Business:

- a. Update on rules- Attorney Lamberti updated the Board on timeline for rules. The upcoming Aug. 12 meeting will not meet timeline guidelines and should be rescheduled to a later date. Perhaps Aug. 18 at 9:00? Poll other members, cancel the 12th and have regular meeting and rules hearing on Aug. 18th. Contingency is Aug. 26 at 9:00. Attorney Lamberti will need to know by next Thursday so the meeting date can be posted. Staff will notify board members of the JLCAR meeting date/time. Staff will also notify all certified GALs of the board's rules hearing date and link to proposed rules.

4. Communications General: None

5. CEU Requests:

- a. Parents Apart Program Required 5 hour class for the MA Probate and Family Courts – 19 CEUs requested. Board requested additional information on the course, perhaps a course

syllabus? What are the probate court expectations of the course and is there a student survey taken after course?

b. The Scope of the Opioid Epidemic and its Impact on NH's Children 1.5 CEUs - approved

c. Addiction and Recovery Before, During and After the Opioid Crisis 1.5 CEUs- approved

Honorable Luneau joined meeting 1:55.

d. New Hampshire Human Trafficking Panel 1.5 CEUs- approved

e. Attorney Paine suggested any courses from NH Attorney General's Office be approved. Attorney Paine moved, Attorney Cantor seconded. Unanimous

f. Request for reconsideration of CEU determination 5 additional CEUs requested. Attorney Blodgett moved to allow additional time of 6 months to obtain needed CEUs. Attorney Paine seconded. Unanimous

6. Board Updates:

a. Betsy requested monthly updates of number of certified GAL on family and criminal courts.

7. New Business: None

8. Non Public Session:

Attorney Paine 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.

After the board returned from the non-public session, Attorney Paine moved, Attorney Cantor seconded to seal non-public minutes. Unanimous

9. Adjournment:

Representative Welch moved, Chairperson Duncan seconded. Unanimous to adjourn at 2:45p.m.