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My name is Clifton R. Messerschmidt. The Supreme Court certified me as a CPG in January 2007. In addition to serving as CPG for 15 individuals, I am a Consultant / Developmental Disabilities Professional with approximately 30 skilled nursing facilities in western WA and am a DSHS contracted Evaluator of agencies that provide supported living services to individuals with developmental disabilities across the entire state. I hold a Masters in Health Administration degree from Chapman University and a Bachelors degree from The Evergreen State College. I belong to the following professional organizations: Washington Association of Professional Guardians (WAPG), National Guardianship Association (NGA), National Assoc. of Qualified MR/DD Professionals (NAQ), American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), & Autism Society of America (ASA).

This general comment relates to proposed changes to GR 23:

I am in strong agreement with the need for several issues to be addressed prior to passage of changes to GR 23. These issues are briefly stated in Items #1-7 (and are the result of a lengthy discussion between select WAPG members and AOC/CPG Board members).

1. CPG Board Membership Requirements--GR 23 (C)(1)(i)

Refine the CPG requirement to require 5 years minimum experience and a minimum of 10 current clients whose incapacities require the CPG to demonstrate the depth and breadth of experience necessary for an overview of regulatory and disciplinary matters relating to CPGs.

Delete the % limitation on CPG membership.

2. Educational Requirements

Suggested additional language: Currently certified CPGs are not required to possess an advanced degree (e.g. associate's degree) or re-train through the U of W to meet the new educational program being established with the University of Washington so long as they maintain their current certification through dues payments and continuing certified professional guardian education.

3. Experience Requirements--(d)(i)(v).

Suggested language change: delete "on behalf of client(s) and add "for others."

4. Credit Report Requirement--(d)(1)(vii)

Delete from this section and move to (d)(8)(vii)--bankruptcy reporting--and add to (e)(1)(vii) to require bankruptcy filing disclosure.

Also, limit bankruptcy filing disclosure to past 7 years. Add language:

Disclosure of a bankruptcy filing within the past 7 years may subject the applicant/CPG to the requirement to provide a current credit report from a recognized credit bureau.

5. Board Terms--(c)(1)(ii)

Recommend limiting members to two three-year terms. Delete second phrase as it contradicts first phrase.

6. Disclosure--(e)(4)

Recommended language change: Pending licensing actions related to fiduciary responsibilities and final licensing or disciplinary board actions resulting in a declared violation.

7. Board Conflicts--(c)(6)

Recommend adding clarification language "including but not limited to" before when the Board member has a personal bias or .... Delete "such as."

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Clif Messerschmidt