



Certified Professional Guardianship Board

Monday, May 9, 2016 (8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)

Teleconference

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Judge James Lawler, Chair
Mr. Gary Beagle
Ms. Rosslyn Bethmann
Dr. Barbara Cochran
Ms. Nancy Dapper
Judge Gayle Harthcock
Mr. Bill Jaback
Ms. Carol Sloan
Ms. Barbara West
Ms. Amanda Witthauer

Members Absent

Commissioner Rachelle Anderson
Commissioner Diana Kiesel
Mr. Gerald Tarutis

Staff

Ms. Shirley Bondon
Ms. Carla Montejo
Ms. Kim Rood
Ms. Eileen Schock
Ms. Kathy Bowman

Online Guests – see list on the last page

1. Call to Order

Judge Lawler called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

2. Welcome, Roll Call & Approval of Minutes

Judge Lawler welcomed the Board members and the public to the meeting. A special welcome was given to new Board member Barbara West, who has a 25 year background as an elder law attorney. She will be serving on the CPG Board's Applications Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Judge Lawler asked if there were any changes or corrections to the proposed minutes from the April 11 meeting. Member of the public Mr. Tom Goldsmith noted he was incorrectly listed as being interested in participating in the Governmental Accountability Office Interviews. The correction was made to indicate that the correct person was Board member Mr. Bill Jaback. A typographical error was noted for correction on Page 5 of the minutes. Judge Lawler then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting.

Motion: *A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 11, 2016 minutes with the noted corrections. The motion passed.*

3. Chair's Report

Requesting Letters of Interest

Staff reported that one letter of interest has been received from a member of the public for a position on the Certified Professional Guardianship Board. Of the two open positions, one is for an advocate for seniors. The other position should

be filled by a CPG. WAPG has indicated they will submit at least one name for consideration.

Correspondence (Jennifer Roach)

Staff received correspondence from a member of the public who attended the April 11, 2016 Board Meeting. Judge Lawler spoke to this complaint, noting that the purpose of the public discussion was to receive input for general planning by the Board, and that as the Chair, he felt it was appropriate to limit the time spent discussion specific personal matters that would be better addressed by other entities. Ms. Bethmann felt that the Board may have failed to specify a time allowance for speakers. Judge Lawler agreed to write Ms. Roach and apologize for any misunderstanding.

4. Updates

Grievance Status Report

Ms. Montejo provided an updated Grievance report. The Certified Professional Guardianship Board has received seven new grievances since the last report, dated April 11, 2016. There have been four grievances dismissed this month either for no actionable conduct or no jurisdiction. Two of the dismissed cases were received in 2013. There are currently 86 grievances requiring investigation. Priority is being given to those CPGs with multiple grievances.

Judge Lawler asked what prompted dismissal for no actionable conduct of the two 2013 grievances. Ms. Bondon advised the Board that a practice is now in place where twice a month, the ten oldest grievances will be reviewed, and a determination made on how they should be processed. Judge Lawler approved of this process as long as new grievances are being reviewed timely as well.

National Updates

Staff provided an update on federally funded Elder Task Forces. There are two in Washington State, one in Pierce County with a focus on Elder Abuse, and another based out of Seattle with a focus on nursing homes.

The Older Americans Act, which funds services such as meals for the elderly, has been renewed.

The GAO may not need any further input from stakeholders in Washington State, as they are now focusing on collecting information from other states.

5. Executive Session (closed to public)

6. Vote on Executive Session Discussion

Motion: *A motion was made and seconded to send a letter to the CPG complained about in Grievance 2013-042, directing him to move for a new court order for fees for the last reporting period that excludes all work done to defend the grievance by the Guardian, including both guardian and legal fees. The Guardian will also be asked to refrain in the future from charging for any work involved in defending against a grievance and to commit to seek court approval and giving notice to all notice parties*

before taking on dual roles as both guardian and attorney for the guardianship. Ms. Dapper wished to be on record that she strongly disagreed and believed the CPG should be formally sanctioned. Ms. Cochrane and Ms. Witthauer voted to approve the motion. Ms. Bethmann opposed the motion. Ms. West, Mr. Beagle, Ms. Sloan and members of the Standards of Practice Committee abstained. The motion passed.

7. Wrap Up / Adjourn

Judge Lawler adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m. The next Board meeting will be at the SeaTac Office Center on Monday June 13, 2016 starting at 9 a.m.

Recap of Motions from May 9, 2016 Meeting

Motion Summary	Status
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Online Guests

Mary McHugh		
Lisa Saar		
Tina Baldwin		
Tom Goldsmith		
Anonymous Guest		