

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board Meeting MINUTES
Howard County Maryland
Meeting Date: November 1, 2018

A. Call to Order for Open Meeting: 8:40am

B. Roll Call via sign-in sheet, establishment of quorum.

- Voting members present
 1. Archana Leon-Guerrero, Psychiatrist Member (Chair)
 2. Renee Bitner, Public Health Nurse Member
 3. Fred (Chip) Coover, Attorney Member
 4. Eletta Morse, Commission on Aging Member
 5. Michele Henry, Professional in Field of Disabilities Member
 6. William Moss, Nonprofit Member – Linwood Center
 7. Michelle Melotti, Radiologist - New Board Member
 8. Chris Rand, Lay Member
 9. Nikki Young, Person with Disability Member
 10. Steven Plakitsis, Agency Representative (Howard County DSS)
- Vacant positions
 1. Physician other than psychiatrist member (Elizabeth Menacherri's term expired)
- Others present
 1. Barrett King, Court Attorney for the wards
 2. Beverly Heyden, Howard County Office of Law representing (DSS)
 3. Bill Herder, Howard County Public School System (?)

C. Review/make appropriate changes and approve minutes from August 2018 meeting. Minutes unavailable at the meeting and therefore will be sent to members via e-mail for approval.

Steve presented a summary of Howard County APGRB participation and presentation of changes and improvements in practice to the Maryland Association of Social Services Board. The presentation was well received and information was shared to an audience that knew relatively very little about Adult Public Guardianship Review Boards, guardianship and social services offered to adults. Steve will forward the link to a video that was shown.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. There has been no response to the Board's request for a formal legal opinion from the Attorney General on whether the Board is a county or state entity. Chip moved that the issue remain as a (permanent) agenda item as there is little confidence that we will receive a definitive answer. Voted "for" unanimously.
2. New format for Guardian's Report to the Board – Steve offered to draft a template for the Guardianship reports that include an overview of the problem / goal, DSS interventions, progress or response by the disabled person, and the resulting plan. Archana stated she will forward the current template to Steve.
3. The Board recommends that all future meetings be held at the OAI offices until the DSS offices are completed as the technology in this building is much better and may allow case recommendations to be completed during the meeting. Voted "for" unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS: None

F. Closed meeting to review Guardianships: Motion was made to move into closed meeting at 9:10am. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Next meeting will be held on 2-7-2019 at 8:30