

Oregon WINGS General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 8, 2021

Oregon Judicial Department

Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division

Meeting held via WebEx

Attendees: Hon. Lauren Holland, Traci Robertson, Theresa Hollis, Jan Friedman, Whitney Yazzolino, Mark Sanford, Deborah Howard, Chris Rosin, Mary Jaeger, Allison Enriquez, Leslie Sutton, Marc Kochanski, Emily Braman, Victoria Blachly, Jerry Cohen

OJD Staff: Bryan Marsh, Nanci Thaemert, Melissa Dablow, Yousef Allouzi

Public: Christian Hale, Matt Shields, Micky Logan, Elizabeth Moran, Ellen Klem, Bob Joondeph, Fred Steele

Introductions

Judge Holland

Called to order by Judge Lauren Holland 9:03 AM

Minutes approved for March 10, 2021, June 9, 2021 and September 8, 2021.

Micky Logan, Oregon State Hospital will replace Deborah Howard on WINGS as she retires this year. Emily Braman, Executive Director at Arc Oregon, will replace Paula Markovitz.

Change Management

Nanci Thaemert

Nanci shared power point: Overview JFCPD Change Management Workshops and initiative.

WINGS Mission: We enhance Oregonians' independence and self-reliance by ensuring that the continuum of services available in Oregon is fair, effective, and accessible.

WINGS Vision: There are high quality and accountable substitute decision-making services throughout Oregon that encourage independence and self-reliance and conform to the values and preferences of persons with decision-making limitations.

Comments: Should we broaden the vision to include accountability of decision making? Discussion that the language is already quite broad. Possibly add words, oversight and education, wordsmith to make it more affirmative. Reminder that WINGS is not an oversight body. We could add specific language about working towards ensuring oversight, but then that would make it more specific as opposed to broad. A big part of the work we have done is empowering/enabling Oregonians to plan ahead. Make education a part of the vision.

What is the purpose of the mission/vision- to guide our work or inform the public/stakeholders?

Group agreement to add education component to mission/vision statement and possibly add objectives. We will discuss objectives at the next meeting. Nanci will come back with some language.

Mission and vision will be included on every agenda.

Group had 2 random breakout sessions lead by Bryan Marsh and Nanci Thaemert. Breakout session topics: Status of current projects and Future Projects to Consider.

Next steps: Identify missing stakeholders, and identify projects going forward and structure to support them. Bryan and Nanci will bring back detailed notes and ideas, proposed language for the group in March. No spotlight at next meeting.

Get a Life Plan

Theresa Hollis & Brian Marsh

OJD CLAS has translated the page in Spanish and are in the process of translating the WINGS video audio. Brian shares two ads on screen. Spanish versions will be available. Mark is working with Multnomah County Communications team to roll out social media campaign to include keyword search, Google ads, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and county community page. Mark has program funds that can be used to promote the message as it aligns with their message. Link to the website is on OEGB and PEBB.

Train the Trainer

Brian Marsh

The latest version of the slides and trainer guide are available. Group will be meeting again soon to take the next steps.

Website Update

	YTD Views 1/1-12/7/2021	Last 3 months 9/1-11/30/2021
WINGS Home Page	1,690	543
WINGS GALP	659	228
WINGS GALP Spanish	107	42

Publications Update

Jan Friedman

Need another meeting soon to continue the work to make changes to the pamphlet.

Roundtable Discussion

[All]

National Guardianship Court Improvement Project

Judge Holland

The group meets weekly. Modeled on the Child Welfare Court Improvement Program from the 90's. Part of this program will be nationwide data collection and help promote consistency between courts in states and all over the country. Trying to obtain funding from Congress. Chief Justice Martha Walters met with Senator in Washington, D.C. to encourage a sponsorship and adoption of this program.

Legislative Updates: SB 578, SB 779 Task Force

SB 578 Pilot Project for attorney fee funding for guardianship cases, starting in Lane and Multnomah County as of January 1. Columbia County will be added in 2023, then statewide 2024.

SB 779 No updates, hoping beginning of 2022.

Data – what data should we be collecting?

- More specifics on ages would be helpful. We cannot ask for DOB without legislative change. What are the downsides to collecting age? Identify/Privacy issue, at least having a birth year or a range?
- Be able to get resources to non- professional guardians. Are they in an area that requires monitoring/training.
- Differentiate between professional vs. non and if they have been trained or not.
- Chris noted there is a way to find all Professional Guardians by Cross reference list of all CGC certified persons, and GCA certification, some public guardians are also on that list. But trying to compare that to information on OJD data.
- For Guardianship established at 18 automatically and indefinitely but is there a way to have to flag them for review at another marker? Possibly age 26? Robust monitoring program, requiring court to perform a robust review.
- Number of objections, and results. Can be tracked, but not by who files is difficult. Several different points that might help, is there a new petition filed within a certain number of days.
- terminations.
- Training requirements would be determined by looking at supplemental local rules.
- Think of more to discuss next time

Stakeholder Project Updates

Nanci Thaemert

JFCPD received two-year Elder Justice Innovation Grant from ACL to improve guardianship and conservatorship court monitoring. First year will be a self-assessment phase to figure out what's happening now. Second year will be setting up centralized auditing program. There will be an Advisory Committee (10-12 people) comprised of WINGS and SPPAC members, a Trial Court Administrator, and a former Protected Person. There is a preliminary list and invitations will go out soon.

JFCPD is hiring Probate Analyst and Internal Auditor (open now.)

Other

Public Comments and Involvement

[Melissa Dablow]

No public comments received.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2022, by WebEx. Please reach out to Bryan if you are interested in having your program spotlighted at the March Meeting.

Meeting Ended 10:40 a.m.