

Oregon WINGS General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 9, 2021

Oregon Judicial Department

Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division

Meeting held via WebEx

Attendees: Hon. Lauren Holland, Matt Shields, Theresa Hollis, Jerry Cohen, Judge Henry, Jan Friedman, Channah Newel, Whitney Yazzolino, Fred Steele, Mark Sanford, Deborah Howard, Sherry Stock, Paula Markovitz-Boga, Chris Rosin, Mary Jaeger, Marc Kochanski, Bryan Marsh, Nanci Thaemert, Melissa Dablow

Public: Emily Braman, Christian Hale, Tim Gage

Absent: Victoria Blachly, Valerie Eames, Allison Enriquez, Traci Robertson

Introductions

Judge Holland

Called to order by Judge Holland 9:00 AM

Not reviewed, Minutes March 10, 2021

Focus and Spotlight for Future Meetings: Asking for suggestions to give highlights to the group in half hour presentation at the September WINGS Meetings. Email Bryan or Melissa ideas. Nanci Thaemert suggested inviting other States to present their programs.

Get a Life Plan

Theresa Hollis

Media release went out in April for National Healthcare Decisions Day. A similar email went out from another group. Many members included the information in their own groups. Bryan did get an increase in inquiries through the website.

Get a Life Plan is on the website in English and Spanish.

Deborah Howard is working on having Get a Life Plan listed as a resource of HEM for PEBB and OEBC.

Train the Trainer

Paula Markovitz-Boga

Scheduling a meeting now to decide how to distribute the information, and ongoing update plan. Sherry Stock will be able to provide the recording of the training to the group, it belongs to the group to be used however they want.

Website Update

Please review changes to the website. Requested that the group review the Resources section as well.

4th Quarter views: 328

1st Quarter views: 417

122 views over 5 days in April when Press Release went out.

Publications Update

Jan Friedman

Working on updating three brochures; Guardianships in Oregon, First Year as Guardian, and Options Brochure which we are working on first. Identifying audience as broadly as possible and ensuring it is clear that people can make their own decisions as long as possible.

Roundtable Discussion

[All]

National Guardianship Summit

Nanci Thaemert

Summit Recommendations were emailed to the group to review prior to the meeting. Nanci summarized the Summit and Recommendations. One recommendation was to essentially get rid of Plenary Guardianships, to get away from this being the default, and force courts to consider least restrictive options and what areas the person can still make decisions. Many interesting discussions surrounding supportive decision making. The Summit included international guests as well as representatives throughout the United States. Highlighted that all aspects including definitions differ in each state.

Guardianship Court Improvement Pilot Project

Nanci Thaemert

This project came out of a past summit recommendation, Congress should model a project after JCIP for Guardianship. Oregon was approached to be a part of a Pilot Project, will require a grant proposal, Nanci should have more to report at the next meeting.

Legislative Updates

Channa Newell

All policy committees have closed, if bills are still with them, they are dead. Joint Ways and Means and Rules Committee are still meeting. June 18th is the target signing date, constitutionally they have until June 27th.

SB 190- Notice to Protected Persons, no issues, sitting at Governor's Desk waiting for Signature

SB 199- Advance Directive Update; not entirely party line, sitting at Governor's Desk waiting for Signature

SB 219 A – Advance Directive Registry. Dead, but Channa will continue to work on it. Legislature would like to know if

SB 572 on house floor today

SB 578 – Pilot Program to appoint counsel, on house floor today

SB 779- Task force on Conservatorship and Reform, dead bill. Informational Hearing was held, asked to form taskforce as a work group on same timeline, Channa will staff the group.

HB 2105 – Required schools to provide information on Supported Decision Making and alternatives to guardianship, on Governor's desk.

HB 2466 – Office of Ombudsman as umbrella, does not seem like it will move this session.

Concepts may not be dead even if the bills do not move.

SB 579 – Guardianship and Aid and Assist in Joint Ways and Means, not in a subcommittee now. No automatic notice to Guardian if protected person has been charged with a crime.

Tim Gage gave website to help: <https://smiadviser.org/mymhpc>

Stakeholder Project Updates

Statewide Protected Proceedings Advisory Committee (SPPAC)

- Originally was housed as Chapter 125 Subcommittee in SFLAC, working on best practices for Protected Proceedings in courts across the state. Focused on several items, including training surrounding Court Visitors, a video and handbook.
- After consulting with Chief, SCA, and Director of JFCPD, decided to form a separate committee in order to gather membership focused on Protected Proceedings as it was not a primary focus on the SFLAC.
- Focus is to work on a bench card specific to Oregon Law, Data, Education and Reform to work in conjunction with WINGS.
- How does SPPAC relate to HB 779? SPPAC is much broader.

Other

- Chris Rosin with Oregon Public Guardian Program stated there is a general funding bill including 6 additional FTE, which will double the resources and staff of the program. Excited about opening waitlist and helping more people. Starting a volunteer component of the program over the summer. Advance recruitment, already in interviews, ready to hire and have people on board as soon as funding is expected to come through July 1st.
- Jerry Cohen, Member of Oregon Coalition of for Living with Serious Chronic Illness supported by Camia Health Foundation and gave them information on WINGS. Also is sharing information through a faith based organization.
- Changes in face to face vs. zoom from COVID. Whitney states she is able to meet face to face (with masks) with clients again which is much more effective. She is also able to meet with clients in long term care facilities in N-95 masks and temperature checks. Mark Sanford stated they are trying to encourage outdoor meetings, but have been able to be mask-less with vaccinated staff/persons. Exception is with outbreaks in facilities being locked down. Some facilities have their own rules that have been making essential visitation more challenging, but they are addressing them individually with education. Better relationship building in virtual format for routine monitoring for some of the younger people more comfortable with technology.

Sent via email during the meeting from Marc Kochanski, Guardian Partners due to technical difficulties:

- **EXPANDED MONITOR PROGRAM**
Thanks to a very successful Partners Party fundraiser last fall and grant funding from the Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation, we've been able to add an additional full-time staff person in our case monitor program. This doubles the monitor program from a staff of one to two. Our goals with this position include: increased volunteer recruitment, greater capacity to supervise volunteers, and improving resources for non-professional guardians.
- **NEW COURSES LAUNCHED**
Just last month, we launched our new online learning platform, Thinkific. The Guardian of Adult and Personal Representative courses there have been completely rebuilt and re-filmed. We will be adding a first-ever Guardian of Adult in Spanish course this summer. Subject experts Holly Berman, attorney Scott Barbur and attorney Sam Friedenber were all enormously helpful in getting these new courses polished and filmed.
- **GROWTH TO YAMHILL COUNTY**

Hot off the press! Just yesterday we got the official word that Guardian Partners will be launching our full program in Yamhill County on July 12, 2021. The Judge has chosen to join as a Tier 1 partner, which for us means that all fiduciary courses will be mandated and that we will provide case monitoring. With the addition of Yamhill County (our seventh), our programs are now available to 52% of Oregon residents.

Public Comments and Involvement

[Melissa Dablow]

No public comments received.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2021, still by video, format? Bryan will send out a poll to gather input on what the future meeting configuration would work, option to have 3 virtual, 1 in person, or continuing virtual.

Meeting Ended 10:40 a.m.