

Oregon WINGS General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Oregon Judicial Department
Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division
Meeting held via WebEx

Attendees: Hon. Lauren Holland, Jan Friedman, Mark Sanford, Deborah Howard, Chris Rosin, Marc Kochanski, Emily Braman, Jerry Cohen, Fred Steele, Micky Logan, Allison Enriquez, Jeff Brandon, Ellen Klem, Christy Reese, Tim Gage

OJD Staff: Bryan Marsh, Jeffrey Petty, Cristina Guillen, Nanci Thaemert

Introductions

Judge Holland

Called to order by Judge Lauren Holland 9:00 AM.

Minutes approved for March 9, 2022.

Spotlight- Disability Rights Oregon

Jan Friedman

Disability Rights Oregon is independent, non-profit, and advocates for people under guardianships. DRO is client centered and always represents the person with the disability. They provide outreach, education, information, and referrals. Their [website](#) is a good source for materials and publications. Goals and priorities are determined by the communities' concerns and demands. They advocate before the legislature and other policy change groups and form part of the ACL Elder Justice Group. They are 1-year into an ODDS grant to step up monitoring work. An ongoing concern is that people are often not getting court-appointed attorneys. Senate bill 578 has allowed court-appointed attorneys for everyone in 2024. To educate those who support someone under guardianship, there is a "Know Your Rights" document and a Guardianship Handbook, but those are not enough. That is something to look at in the future.

Spotlight- National Community of Practice on Alternatives to Guardianship for Transition Aged Youth

Emily Braman

Center for Public Representation and Center on Youth Voice Youth Choice received a 5-year grant to create state teams to further alternatives to guardianships for youth with intellectual developmental disability (IDD). The state team is made up of Arc Oregon, Fact Oregon, and Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities. The team will lead to create a community of practice around alternatives to guardianship for youth with IDD.

This will be led by youth who experience IDD. They are currently recruiting youth ambassadors, ages 14-26, who will go through a 16-week training program. They need a minimum of four and currently have two.

Roundtable Discussion

Change Management/Projects & Priorities

Nanci Thaemert

This group came up with a list of projects and priorities, and we'd like to decide which are a priority.

Nanci categorized the list into broader categories for voting. The list is screen shared and a link is sent on the chat. Each person gets 5 votes for Session 1. At the next meeting, we will share the results of the voting and the top selections will be voted on.

Session 1 Topics:

Training and Education:

- Mediation for Guardianship Development
- Forms for guardianship/conservatorship including objections and fiduciary reporting
- Study required licensing for professional fiduciaries or national certification
- Mandated training for professionals
- Standard practices, alternatives to guardianship and support decision making
- Uniform qualifications and training for court visitors
- Establish lead probate judges in each county
- Overcome the disconnect between resources and advocacy aimed at elders and the developmental disability community

Support to Lay Guardians:

- Tools to educate guardians about alternative
- Strategize how to disseminate educational tools and information
- Develop websites for resources and supports

Advocacy and Access to Justice:

- Person-centered planning guide
- Decision making standards
- Transition from protective services to guardianship
- Expand guardian partners statewide
- Protected persons bill of rights
- Focus on young adults in guardianships

Services:

- Volunteer supported decision makers
- Centralized hub for resources and services

Policy and Legislation

- Court visitors required in all conservatorships and minor guardianships
- Due process for respondents (hearings in all cases)
- Change professional fiduciary definition to be those who are paid, not just have 3 or more clients
- Court Improvement Project for protective proceedings
- Jurisdiction over protective proceedings to the circuit courts in remaining counties

Next Steps:

- Jeffrey Petty will send the list to members who cannot access the link to vote and those who are missing from the meeting. Those folks can send their votes to Nanci.
- Judge Holland asks Bryan to pre-assign a person/or persons to briefly discuss the top selections- what would be involved, what the project will entail, why they think this is the one to vote on.

Get a Life Plan

Mark Sanford

Mark has been working with Multnomah County Communication Office on a Spanish video ad. They ran 74-30 second ads on KUNP Univision, beginning in May. The ad highlights Get a Life Plan and directs viewers to the website. Bryan shares the video and sends the link in the chat. The translation of the video is, "Do you have a plan in case something unexpected happens? Life planning is for everyone and now it's easy to make one for you and your loved ones. Learn more about planning your assets during your lifetime, your medical decisions, your legacy. A step-by-step guide is available to help identify and document your most important wishes and priorities for peace of mind."

They also did another round of Facebook and Instagram ads. Social media analytics:

- # of people that visited the ad: 7,000+
- # of impressions: 16,000+
- Average cost per click: \$1.34

We've seen an increase on the Spanish website thanks to the ads and video.

The next GALP meeting is on July 19, 2022, at 3:30 PM.

OJD CLAS will help us translate into other languages when they have time do so.

Train the Trainer

Jerry Cohen

OJD staff is working on putting the Curriculum and Guide on the WINGS website. The materials will be accompanied by a survey. Anyone who wants to access the information will need to list their name, organization and purpose for accessing the materials.

The group has agreed to meet in person, sometime this summer, to re-record a video for the website.

The group is working to identify how to directly outreach to particular populations.

The next meeting is on June 21, 2022, at 4:00 PM.

Website Update

	Since Last Meeting (3.9.22-6.8.22)	Year to Date (1.1.22-6.8.22)	Last 30 Days (5.9.22-6.8.22)
WINGS Home Page	634	1,239	236
WINGS GALP	342	4,058	115
WINGS GALP Spanish	143	231	120

Publications Update

Bryan Marsh

ODHS Publications Department has suggested revisions and updates. Allison Enriquez will gather the suggested feedback, get an updated draft version out to the group, and check on getting it translated into 4 languages.

The next meeting is on June 28, 2022, at Noon.

Stakeholder Project Updates

ACL Elder Justice Innovation Grant

Jeffrey Petty

We identified the folks who are doing probate work in each county and sent them a survey to get a scope of their process. The Advisory Committee is going through the data to help us understand where each county is at. Following the survey responses, Jeffrey is scheduling individual conversations with counties to see how they can improve and how we can better support them.

An internal OJD SharePoint site has been set up for judges and staff to access resources and materials. There is a message board they can use to ask questions.

OJD is hosting monthly lunch and learn meetings. These are 30-60 minutes topical sessions for listening in, participation, and asking questions. There were 50 attendees at the first meeting.

SPPAC

Judge Holland

Pending Project: Judicial bench card- A resource that judges can use to determine and understand possible guardianship outcomes. The project is stalled because of changes in OJD personnel.

The group is working on establishing a quarterly meeting.

Judge Holland suggests that Jeffrey Petty and Christian Hale come to the next meeting to discuss the ACL Elder Justice Innovation Grant.

Other

Judge Holland is leaving her current position on June 30, 2022. She will still be involved with WINGS and will co-chair with a sitting judge for a smooth transition.

Public Comments and Involvement

No public comments received.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2022, Hybrid.

Meeting Ended 10:54 a.m.