

Oregon WINGS General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Oregon Judicial Department

Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division

Hybrid Meeting

Attendees: Hon. Patrick Henry, Fred Steele, Jeffry Brandon, Theresa Hollis, Christian Hale, Eugenia Liu, Chris Rosin, Jan Friedman, Matt Shields, Mark Sanford, Kristin Riley, Ellen Klem, Ivy Heuton, Tim Gage, Mark Kochanski, Mary Jaeger, Whitney Yazzolino

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

Introductions

Bryan Marsh

Called to order by Bryan Marsh 9:00 AM.

Minutes approved for December 14, 2022.

Legislative Updates

HB 2329 modifies execution formalities for appointment of person to make decisions concerning disposition of remains and for declaration for mental health treatment.

SB 380 directs Oregon Public Guardian and Conservator to develop and administer program for providing guardianship services to defendants who are unable to aid and assist in their defense.

The Governor's recommended budget came out and there was not an expansion of OPG. Fred Steele did helpful work in setting up initial conversations, which led to an education session on mental health and homelessness. The last thing Chris Rosin heard was that the Governor's Office was supporting an expansion of OPG, but that was before the walk out started. There is not a bill number that we are aware of and we're not sure where and when that might land.

Project Updates

Elder Justice Innovation Grant

Jeffrey Petty

Audit: An audit tracking system was set up in Odyssey and is being used by the courts in the pilot program. Cases are split into two types: issue review (quick questions) and audit (longer and more complex).

Observations and findings are submitted in a report to the TCA and lead probate person. The goal is to have all work uploaded to Odyssey to promote transparency.

Education: We continue to expand educational opportunities for judges and staff through the monthly Brunch and Learns. These trainings are recorded and posted for those who cannot attend live. We've received positive feedback about this resource, especially when there is staff turnover. We are also holding a Probate Commissioner's meeting later this summer.

Data: one of the goals of the grant was to reduce the number of unknown case subtypes. Court staff across the state has managed to reduce that number to under 1%. We've been working on updating the data dashboard with Yousef Allouzi, Data Analyst at Oregon Judicial Department. We are collecting new metrics,

such as timeliness of visitor appointment, timeliness of report, timeliness of resolution of objections, length of cases, reason for termination, number of cases where there is no bond or restrictions, and appointment of counsel.

Uniform Law Workgroup

Fred Steele

The workgroup is being reinvigorated. First meeting happened to start organizing the work. Judge Henry proposes that Fred Steele be the liaison between that committee and WINGS. Add this as regular agenda item for WINGS.

Center for Youth Voice Youth Choice

Jan Friedman

The goal of this statewide group is to provide a means where transition age youth can access information about less restrictive alternatives to guardianship. The focus is on people 14-26 years old who have intellectual or developmental disabilities. They get a \$50 stipend for attending meetings. They may also run the meeting or take minutes. If you know of a youth, please contact Emily Braman or Leslie Sutton.

WINGS Workgroups

Bryan Marsh

The SB 578 workgroup divided their work into two areas: training and recruitment of attorneys. We decided to start gathering resources rather than creating our own. The recruitment work stalled because we were waiting to see what happened with SB 528. It looks like 528 may not pass at all, so we may need to revive that workgroup.

The Person- Centered Planning Guide group met and shared resources, but not much after that.

The Dissemination/Promotion workgroup morphed into something broader. Spoke about updating the website and publications, but never really left the ground.

Roundtable Discussion

WINGS- Focus and Future

As a group, we identified areas that we would work on, and those aren't moving forward anymore.

We are open to a conversation with the group to talk about other areas we can focus on/address. The committee shares the following ideas: qualifications and standards of training of professional fiduciaries, standards for court visitors, the process for courts to appoint court visitors, and requirements to have court visitors available, bill of rights for persons subject to guardianship, ORS 125.082.

Public Comments and Involvement

Tim Gage invites folks to email him regarding the Bill of Rights for Protected Persons.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2023, by WebEx.

June 22 Steering Committee cancelled.

Meeting Ended 10:30 a.m.