

# Oregon WINGS General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 10, 2020

Oregon Judicial Department  
Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division

Meeting held via WebEx

**Attendees:** Hon. Lauren Holland, Hon. Patrick Henry, Bryan Marsh, Jeff Hall, Jerry Cohen, Jan Freidman, John Koch, Marc Kochanski, Matt Shields, Paula Boga, Mark Sanford, Sarah Osborn (invited by Jan Friedman), Shauna Haney (Teressa Hollis' office/PR Project), Christian Hale, Theressa Hollis, Suzanne Rowe, Mary Yeager, Leslie Sutton, Chris Rosin, Emily Braman (Arc Oregon/Train-Trainer).

## Introductions

Judge Holland

Called to order by Judge Holland 9:00 AM

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## PR Project

Theressa Hollis and Mark Sanford

- The "Get A Life Plan" webpage has been created and is brought to the group for a vote on distributing it to the public. A few suggestions were discussed. The Checklist document has a variety of hyperlinks however, it might be more user friendly to have a page entitled "Resources". It was also suggested that a WINGS resource page be added under the FAQ section. The group did vote in favor of making the page public. For statistical and data purposes, it was agreed that when distributing the website to others via e-mail that Bryan Marsh should be copied. Data will be gathered as to how many links to the website were sent out and how many "hits" are received. The group did agree that the webpage will always be a work in progress and it will need continual maintenance. Additional information relating to advanced directives and COVID-19 will most likely need to be provided on the page. Another thought is that information on what decisions a person can still make once a guardian or conservator is appointed should be addressed further on the page.

## Train the Trainer

Paula Boga

- Train the Trainer materials have been finalized and now there needs to be a determination of how to disseminate the information to the public. Previous training products have required an "application" to be completed to ensure that it is being used appropriately. The application process provides the program with who the material is being provided to, how it will be used, and an avenue to provide updates as needed. There is no set criteria to deny the materials to anyone requesting access and because WINGS is publicly sponsored denying the material may not be legal. The work product may be considered a public record. An idea of providing two live and/or recorded sessions may be an option. One session would be designed for the public and could be hosted on the webpage. A second more specialized public "Train the Trainer" that is designed for people who want to present the information to the public could be developed where registration would be required.

## Stakeholder Project Updates

Jeff Hall

- Jeff Hall explained the details of the Central Oregon Conservatorship / Guardianship Summit that occurred last fall. At the Summit, the model for sequential mapping that is a structure for how interaction occurs between the mental health system and the criminal justice system, was applied to guardianships and conservatorships. Six areas of the conservatorship / guardianship process were looked at ranging from the petition process thru to post judgment monitoring. Eleven different focus groups were created each consisting of subject matter experts, medical providers, human services workers, litigants, guardians, attorneys, etc. The groups gathered to find solutions and to determine the priority of actions that need to be taken. Almost a year after the Summit one of the most positive outcomes is that St. Charles Hospital, which serves most of central Oregon has changed their process for people who become stuck in the system and are unable to be discharged. This scenario occurs when a person is hospitalized for months and there is no guardian. The hospital is working with local attorneys to provide resources for obtaining guardianship. Other positive outcomes from the Summit include the development of two new workgroups. One workgroup is a non-profit and the other group is working on providing education on advanced directives. There has not been much action with these workgroups due to the pandemic and it appears that an internal judge is needed to act as a champion and to move forward on issues that were identified at the Summit.
  - Bryan Marsh can distribute the Summary Report from the Summit, if requested.

## Public Comments and Involvement

Fred Steele

- The website should provide more information on the public comment period during the WINGS meetings. The page can expand on the expectations and explain that here is a agenda item for public comment.
  - Jan Friedman expressed the importance of the public comment period and that WINGS should encourage the public to speak up as we might gain perspective on the issues. She inquired as to how the public is made aware of the meetings and how parameters can be identified to ensure that there is no ex-parte communication committed. Guidelines need to be developed that ensure specific names and cases are not addressed during the public comment period. This can be used as an opportunity to expand outreach and to have more diversity. Fred Steel and the steering committee will work on draft language that identifies parameters to be posted on the website.

## Roundtable Discussion of Trends and Issues: COVID-19 and Future Wings Projects

Judge Holland

- The Chief Justice is removing restrictions to court activities based on the re-opening phase that each county moves to during the pandemic. Due to the pandemic all agencies will face budget cuts, however will still need to protect the public and provide access to justice.

- Leslie Sutton advised the group that yesterday the Oregon Health Authority released revised guidelines relating to people with disabilities. It is important that access to individuals in the hospital are provided the support that they need to understand treatment plans and documents that are presented to them while in care. The revised guidelines will be sent to Bryan Marsh to distribute.
- Mark Sanford addressed the concerns of his office relating to access and protective persons. Guardians have been identified as essential visitors. His office is working diligently to find a balance of providing safety to staff and individuals under guardianship. Virtual visitations and telephone visits are occurring, and as Multnomah County moves towards Phase 1 socially distanced in person visits will be able to occur. His office has also had to be creative with notice requirements and alternative service methods. They are working with hospitals to prioritize discharges in anticipation of the need for additional beds.

### **Wrap up and next Steps**

Judge Holland

Where do we go from here? The meeting concluded with the request that each participant think about which direction to take WINGS in the future.

Meeting Ended 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2020 from 9:00 am -11:00 am.