

Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders

August 24, 2016 summary minutes

Attendees: Judge David Connors, Judge James Brady, Kent Alderman, Nate Crippes, Karolina Abuzyarova, Nancy Sylvester, Shannon Alvey, Daniel Musto, Nels Holmgren, Wendy Fayles Joanne Bueno Sayre, Heather Marshall, Jason Ralston

Excused: Nan Mendenhall, Holly Kees, Patricia Vigo

No show: Carol Fletcher, Lisa Thornton, Joseph Taylor, James Toledo

Committee chair welcomed the group, asked everyone present to introduce themselves for the guests. Nate Crippes attended on behalf of the Disability Law Center, as Rob Denton left organization. Another guest at the meeting was Heather Marshall, Information Analyst with Court Services. First presenter was Jason Ralston, a Web Developer in Court Services.

Guardianship Website Statistics

Jason made a presentation on the guardianship web pages traffic for the fiscal year 2016, from July 2015 until July 1 2016. He started by explaining the way he tracks statistics: it measures by sessions (people visits) and page views that are unique. There are over 300 guardianship and conservatorship webpages with total page views of 58,029. Guardianship related webpages occupy 1.6% of Utah State Court website, and receive 0.7% of the website traffic.

Top 10 most visited webpages are:

- Guardianship and conservatorship homepage (30% of traffic, 17, 333 page views)
- Reports required from the guardian and conservator (9%, 5,438 views)
- Procedure for appointing a guardian for an adult (7%, 4,153 views)
- Conservator of a minor (5%, 2,889 views)
- Options for protecting an adult with diminished capacity (4%, 2,579)
- Nominating a guardian and conservator (3%, 1,590)
- Ending a guardianship or conservatorship (3%, 1,583)
- Guardianship signature program (2%, 1,287)
- Authority and responsibilities of a guardian (2%, 1,277)
- Procedure for appointing a conservator for an adult (2%, 1,262)

Guardianship and conservatorship forms had 12,588 views and top 4 forms viewed are:

- Report on the status of the ward
- Private information record in guardianship and conservatorship cases
- Motion to terminate guardianship and/or conservatorship
- Guardian and conservator certificate of mailing

Coris Guardianship Cases Tracking

Next presenter, Heather Marshall, provided information regarding the statistics on the following guardianship related information:

- limited vs full guardianship appointments
- terminated guardianship cases
- restored capacity cases

Karolina asked if there is a way to get data on how many guardianships are open and subject to the jurisdiction of the court statewide and that at one point, Tim Shea estimated 12,000 open

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adult guardianship cases (including those not subject to reporting requirements). Heather explained that this can be difficult to track, but that there may be a way district by district to resolve it.

Heather indicated that roughly half of all adult guardianships are required to report. In a follow up, Nancy Sylvester stated that the amount of cases that are required to report statewide could reasonably be doubled to provide a rough estimate, I think, of all adult guardianship cases. With respect to the Court Visitor Program this statistics will be important during the legislative session.

Judge Connors asked if it is possible to have a report on the total filing counts of any guardian and conservator over as long a period of time as possible, sorted by fiscal year. Judge Connors said that there is need to have a sense of whether guardianship/conservatorship filings are increasing or decreasing over time. In his opinion, we probably don't need more than a 6-10 year window.

Nancy Sylvester mentioned that currently Clayson Quigley, law clerk working with Debra Moore, District Court Administrator, is recruiting teams on the Coris rewrite project. Nancy and Karolina will follow up with Clayson.

National Guardianship Association standards

Shannon Alvey provided an overview of the National Guardianship Association's (NGA) position statement regarding "Right to Association" Legislation, as well as their position statement on supported decision-making. Shannon said that both statements could be located on the Association's website: <http://www.guardianship.org>.

Public Education Class Schedule

Statewide classes for professionals and caregivers with the Utah State University grant support

- Class schedule for 2016: Vernal on August 26, Logan on Sept. 30, Provo on October 21, Ogden on November 10

Annual Judicial Conference

WINGS participants will participate in the Annual Judicial conference on October 6, 2016:

- Panel "Addressing abuse, neglect and exploitation in adult guardianship cases"
- Suggested presenters: Kaye Lynn Wootton, Assistant Attorney General; Nan Mendenhall, APS; Shannon Alvey, OPG; Karolina Abuzyarova, WINGS and Court Visitor Program.

Meeting schedule in 2016: October 19, December 28.