

Utah Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS)

Thursday, August 17, 2023 - 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Attended			Not Present	
Judge James Brady	Rob Ence	Keri Sargent	Judge Keith Kelly	Eve Larsen
Judge Brian Cannell	Wendy Fayles	Shonna Thomas	Shane Bahr	Wendy Naylor
Deborah Brown	Stacy Haacke	Katie Thomson	Rob Denton	Alianne Sipes
Sarah Box	Rachelle Johnson	Holly Thorson	Lindsay Embree	James Toledo
Brant Christiansen	Nan Mendenhall	Michelle Wilkes	Leslie Francis	Todd Weiler
TantaLisa Clayton	Alan Ormsby	Kaye Lynn Wootton	Nels Holmgren	
Katie Cox	Andrew Riggle			

Agenda			
	Topic	Presenter	Materials
12:00	Meeting begins		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housekeeping, minutes 	Judge Kelly	– <i>WINGS Minutes (June 2023 – draft)</i>
12:10	Ongoing Projects		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utah Code 75-5-303 	Group Discussion	– <i>Utah Code 75-5-303 (Approved by WINGS 12.22.22)</i> – <i>Utah Code 75-5-303 (Additional Suggestions 7.28.23)</i> – <i>Utah Code 75-5-303 (All in One 8.15.23)</i>
1:15	Stakeholder & Project Updates		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from Attorney Shortage subcommittee 	Subgroup members	
1:30	Other Business		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder/Agency Updates 	WINGS Stakeholders	
2:00	Meeting adjourned		

Housekeeping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Meeting began at 12:03pm. – Housekeeping / Minutes – Judge Cannell motion to approve; TantaLisa seconded. Minutes approved. – Meeting adjourned at 1:46pm.

Ongoing Projects

Utah Code 75-5-303

The group discussed the remaining revisions and suggestions for the statute. After discussion, the following decisions were made:

- All revisions from the 2022 redline version were accepted and approved.
- Identifying the party paying for the respondent’s counsel was not accepted, but the group agreed to add this to a Motion form instead. The Forms subgroup will add this to their list.
- Changed the term to health care provider to match the definition in code and accepted the addition of “limitations” to section (4).
- Created a new subsection for the Court Visitor.
- Defined presence at the hearing to include in person or virtual as permitted by the court.
- Approved language that describes the conditions that must exist if appearing virtually.
- Approved additional language to add clarity to previously accepted revisions.

The group also agreed to pause on some of the suggested revisions to allow more time to research and to provide the best chance for the highest priority items to be approved by the legislature.

Decisions Made

Shonna will send the draft to all WINGS stakeholders, for a final review. The final draft will be forwarded to the legislative liaison by August 31, 2023.

Stakeholder & Project Updates

Report from Attorney Shortage subcommittee

Shonna provided a summary of the subcommittee’s first meeting, where the following was discussed:

- Data shows a decrease in attorneys volunteering from FY2022 to FY2023.
- The previous use of 3L students and the current status of the joint program with the University of Utah law school.
- How volunteer attorneys have been recruited in the past and ideas for future recruitment.
- Which entities or individuals would be helpful in participating in future.
- New recruitment sources, including the Senior Lawyer and the Young Lawyers sections of the Bar
- Taking a multi-phase approach including -
 - Short-term quick and simple recruitment actions to try and increase volunteers.
 - Mid-range increases in recruitment streams, through CLE training, reaching out to graduate classes and new attorneys to bolster numbers, and advertising the perks.
 - Long-term solution by funding a group of attorneys (patterned after the GAL office) to take on cases that did not receive a volunteer attorney.
- The subcommittee will meet next in September.

Other Business

- Stakeholder Deborah Brown has retired. She will continue to participate with WINGS.
- Rob Ence indicated that the Utah Commission on Aging continues to work on their multi-sector plan and invites collaboration to build in language on the future of guardianship issues from an education and policy standpoint. They hope to wrap it up in September.

Action Items	
<p>Utah Code 75-5-303</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Send the draft to all WINGS stakeholders, for a final review. – Provide any final feedback before August 31, 2023. 	<p>Shonna Thomas WINGS Stakeholders</p>

Deferred / Continuing Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Attorney representation improvements – Utah Code 75-5-303 – Judicial training on annual reports

Next Meeting(s):	<p>October 19, 2023 December 21, 2023 February 15, 2024 April 18, 2024 June 20, 2024 August 15, 2024</p>
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