

Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders

January 15, 2014 summary minutes

The minutes from the November 20, 2013 meeting were approved.

The workgroup chairs summarized the progress since the last meeting in November. Tim Shea reported on two follow up meetings with Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) and the scope of their work. The ADRC will incorporate the courts' webpages on guardianship. Daniel Musto and Nels Holmgren provided positive feedback on their cooperation with ADRC. The committee approved inviting Jennifer Morgan, ADRC Program Manager, to be part of the WINGSG group. Tim Shea is writing an article on the workgroup's recommendations for the Bar Journal.

Robert Denton summarized the tasks to be accomplished by the workgroup on medical evidence of incapacity. Two members of the workgroup had a follow up meeting and an email was sent out asking members to take on assignments. The author of the article has not been determined yet. Tasks ahead of the group are: develop forms to be used by medical professionals on medical evidence of incapacity that will help judges make decisions regarding plenary versus limited guardianship; develop standards for legal professionals in representing protected persons in guardianship matters; identify the ways how medical evaluations can be paid for.

Mary Jane Ciccarello reported on the progress of the workgroup on person centered planning and supported decision making. The workgroup is identifying education tools and informing stakeholders on guardianship related topics. The workgroup recommended creating a listserv for WINGS group and participants of the Utah 2013 Guardianship Summit. A Facebook page will be created for the general public to get information about guardianship resources and events. Roundtables and trainings will be coordinated by WINGS throughout the state on the decision making process, resources, and guardianship procedures.

Fundraising opportunities explored by the program coordinator included: Utah State University: Interagency Outreach Training Initiative grant; Office on Violence Against Women: Enhanced Training and Services To End Abuse in Later Life Program; United Way: Basic Needs Program; Bar Foundation, Michael Foundation, Castle Foundation, And Justice For All.

Idea of creating an Executive Committee was approved. Donna Russell, Kent Alderman, Mary Jane Ciccarello, Karolina Abuzyarova and Tim Shea volunteered to be on the committee. Tim Shea made recommendation to include Jennifer Morgan on the Executive Committee.

For the marketing and fundraising purposes, the committee brainstormed candidates for the WINGS "Champion" position. Names that were mentioned: former Utah governor, Michael Leavitt, Chief of Salt Lake Police, Chris Burbank, Judges Boyden, Harmond, Toomey, Hansen, Brady, Connors, Chief Justice Durrant.

The committee decided to add a family guardian to the WINGS: either Carleen Kurip or Dorothy Henderson, who were panelists at the 2013 Utah Guardianship Summit.

The next meeting is on March 19, 2014.