

Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders

June 19, 2013 summary minutes

Salt Lake City, Utah

The committee approved minutes from April 17, 2013 meeting.

The committee reviewed the matrix of adult guardianship issues developed by Mary Jane Ciccarello and provided feedback.

Donna Russell noted that there is a need to summarize already existing efforts in the area of guardianship. The committee decided that mentioning solely the LGBT and Hispanic communities in the matrix excludes other minorities. Instead the matrix should recognize cultural influences on guardianship needs and arrangements without mentioning a particular group.

As the discussion developed three summit topics were selected. The committee divided into three working groups. For the next meeting on August 21, 2013, each group will develop a brief for further discussion at the summit. The topics are:

1. Cooperation and coordination among agencies who serve vulnerable adults, guardians and caregivers. (Tim Shea - Chair, Nan Mendenhall, Nels Holmgren, Dan Brewster, Daniel Musto, Karolina Abuzyarova).
2. Medical evidence and functional-based assessment of cognitive decline in dementias, mental illness, etc. for the appointment of a guardian and evidence of regained capacity for termination of the appointment. (Robert Denton – Chair, Dr. Norman Foster, Jackie Rendo, Kent Alderman, Judge David Connors).
3. Alternatives to guardianship, person-centered planning, supported decision-making. (Margy Campbell – Chair, Julie Rigby, Mona Tausinga, Mary Jane Ciccarello).

Each WINGS member will identify 2-3 stakeholders that they would like to invite to the summit.