

**Adult Public Guardianship Review Board
of Frederick County, Maryland**

Monday, September 13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Adult Public Guardianship Review Board met at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021 via WebEx.

Those in attendance were: **Scott Birdsall, Hans Curnutte, Sarah Hooper, Kathy Barna, Michael Nehring, Sandy Wastler, Lisa Dameron, and Cristine Evans LoVetro**

Open Session: Due to technical difficulties with WebEx, Cristine Evans LoVetro could not call the meeting to order until 1:36 p.m.

- I. The Board reviewed and approved Minutes from meeting held on June 7, 2021.
- II. The Board voted to continue to meet virtually at least through our December meeting.
- III. The Board discussed recruitment of Board Members for the following positions:
 1. One psychiatrist;
 2. One professional representative of a local nonprofit social service organization;
 3. One lawyer (currently filled by Cristine LoVetro until replacement is found)
 4. One lay individuals;
 5. One registered nurse;
 6. One professional in the field of disabilities; and
 7. One person with a physical disability.

- IV. The Board discussed revision of the current By-Laws – meeting scheduled

There were no comments from members of the Public.

Closed Session: Public Excused

Topic: To discuss guardianship matters and to maintain the confidentiality of “all records to the Review Board” as required under *Maryland Code, Family Law Art., §14-404*.

Mission- The Board reviews and makes recommendations to the Court regarding individuals who are under public guardianship by the Department of Social Services or the Senior Services Division as to whether or not the guardianship should be continued, modified or terminated.

Frederick County Department of Social Services, represented by Scott Birdsall and Hans Curnutte, presented written reports for approval and recommendations. The Board approved all.

Jan Gardner, County Executive, sent a letter to all Board Chairpersons inquiring about the Board’s recommendations for legislative considerations for 2022.

- *The Board discussed the need for safe, sustainable housing for people with mental health issues;

- *The Board also discussed the need for housing for people who do not “fit” into Assisted Living, but also do not require nursing home care.

- *Removal of the term “wards” for guardianship cases – terminology needs updated!

Meeting Adjournment at 3:10 p.m.