

Frederick County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board Meeting

MINUTES FROM: September 14, 2020

The Adult Public Guardianship Review Board met at 1:00 PM on Monday, September 14, 2020 via WebEx.

Those in attendance were: **Marcy Gouge, Mary Lee Schumeyer, Scott Birdsall, Sarah Hooper, Hans Curnutte, Mike Nehring, Cristine LoVetro**

Open Session: Cristine LoVetro called the public session to order at 1:05 pm.

*The Board's last meeting was held on March 2, 2020 at the Department of Social Services, 1888 North Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701.

*The Board had communicated via telephone/email and there was consensus to postpone the meeting scheduled for June 1, 2020 until today, September 14, 2020.

*COMAR 07.02.16.15 and *Maryland Code, Family Law Art. §14-404* requires review of public guardianship cases semi-annually. The choice to postpone the quarterly meeting would not cause the Board to be out of compliance.

*The Board must complete the following tasks:

- A. Recruit/request appointment of additional Board Members. In accordance with *Maryland Family Law Art. §14-402*, the Guardianship Review Board should consist of eleven members:
 - 1. One professional representative of local department;
 - 2. One physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or physician who is not a psychiatrist;
 - * 3. One psychiatrist;
 - 4. One representative of a local commission on aging;
 - * 5. One professional representative of a local nonprofit social service organization;
 - 6. One lawyer;
 - 7 and 8. Two lay individuals;
 - * 9. One registered nurse;
 - * 10. One professional in the field of disabilities; and
 - * 11. One person with a physical disability.

- * INDICATES VACANCY ON BOARD

- B. The Board needs to review and update the By-Laws, if necessary, to ensure that they are in compliance with the Statutes.

*The Board voted to allow Cristine LoVetro to serve as the Chairperson until a successor is appointed.

*The Board voted to allow Sarah Hooper to serve as the Vice Chairperson.

*The Board voted to allow Mary Lee Schumeyer to serve as Corresponding Secretary.

*The Board decided to hold their next meeting on December 7, 2020.

Approval of Previous Minutes: There were no minutes from the March 2, 2020 meeting.

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.

The Department of Social Services presented cases for recommendations.

The Division of Senior Services presented written reports for recommendations.

Meeting adjournment at 2:50 p.m.