

BOCG Meeting
02-02-2017

Call to order at 3:30 PM

Present: Kirk McGregor; Tammy Everson; Klarey Ewing; Larry Clark; Darlene Clark; Chris Hagenbuch;

~No review or approval of 01-19-2017 minutes; not available;

~Chris informed the members of the value of taking the online guardian training as he found it very helpful and throughout the meeting was able to provide helpful information.

Discussion around possibly using the online training and the pamphlets provided by Richard as appropriate training tools. Consideration of abandoning the current "handbook" as it may not be necessary or applicable to Idaho County.

~Board agreed that it would make sense for each of us to complete the online training for a better understanding.

~The volunteer guardian handbook being edited indicates that the board acts as the guardian and oversight over guardians. Kirk reported that some of the language and processes described in this handbook do not make sense. This particular handbook indicates that the board is always the guardian, overseeing guardians, thus there would be an additional and unnecessary layer. Discussion to review this issue at next meeting. Kirk stated the board should actively recruit volunteer guardians to avoid having to act as guardians. Options are abandoning that handbook and providing pamphlet and online training information.

~The volunteer handbook we are editing does not make sense for our needs in Idaho County as it is written. No conclusions were made around the legality of the document regarding consistency with Idaho Code. If we keep the handbook, we want to be careful about some of the language we would remove. Example, we would not want to remove Guardian Ad Litem (guardian for the ward) for example.

~Our bylaws indicate that we are the guardian "of last resort." This is consistent with Idaho code. If we have potential wards that need to be attended to, we must consider moving forward and petition the court. Idaho BOCG can act as "temporary guardian" for a period of 90 days. If we have potential wards with no potential volunteer guardians, we need to move forward. Kirk stated, "if there is no other option, it is up to us." Part of our role is point of contact, we find someone if we can. Much of this will depend on the situation and whether or not it is an emergency.

~Kirk Reviewed Idaho Code (Title 15, Ch 5, Part 6) with members on specific items and attempted to inform members of the process. There seems to be considerable confusion among board members regarding specific roles and duties.

~Visitor for the ward is located by the board; Attorney (Guardian Ad Litem) for the ward is located by Kirk;

~There seems to be some confusion regarding when a potential ward has funds. Just because they have funds, does not mean we will not be involved. It depends on the situation. In many cases we will attempt to link that individual to a professional guardian if possible.

~Review with Kirk about concerns regarding referrals; Kirk informs us that If we are not able to find volunteer guardians, our role as BOCG is as guardians.

~Larry made a motion that we proceed with petitioning the court for guardianship on two of the potential wards and we table discussion from today and decisions related to the handbook until next session. Passed. Kirk will proceed. Klarey informed board this will take time and allow the board time for further discussion and understanding of our role.

~There have been no volunteer guardian applications coming in; Board agreed that we should all talk with one person who may be interested to help recruit, reducing the need for the board to act as guardians.

~When board is guardian, any member may provide services as guardian, such as signing papers, etc, unless that person has a potential conflict of interest in which case they will recuse themselves.

~Follow up:

1. All board members commit to taking the online course before next meeting;
2. All board members attempt to recruit by speaking with at least one person who may be interested before next meeting;
3. Consider eliminating the current handbook we are editing and providing pamphlet and online training option instead;
4. Further discuss our role as a board;
5. Follow up on petition to court for two potential wards;

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY MARCH 23, 2017 AT 3:30; KLAREY WILL INFORM BOARD AS TO THE LOCATION. SHE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH AND INFORM KIRK OF THIS NEXT MEETING TIME.

Board members sign below:

Paula Mada
Darlene Clark
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Larry Clark
Klaren Quincy
Approved 5/4/17

Andrew Solberg
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