

IDAHO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMUNITY GUARDIANS

03/15/2018

Location: Idaho County Courthouse, Commissioners' Chambers

In attendance:

Board members: Tara Nida, Larry Clark, Darlene Clark, Andrea Soldberg, Lynda Fox, Alan Fox, Debbie Hays. Non-member: Joan & Jerry Haaland-Guardians, Judge Jeff Payne, Kirk MacGregor-board attorney

Minutes:

Old Business: Minutes from 01/19/2018 were dispersed. Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Update on status background checks and fingerprinting in regards to temporary emergency guardianship. The email that was sent to members for instructions was not received. Tara will resend the instructions along with the employer number. Larry and Darlene state they have completed the process and have already been reimbursed by the county.

New Business:

Judge Jeff Payne – Magistrate for Idaho county, came to answer our questions regarding temporary, emergency guardianship and guardianship. He stated that the board can be used as an entity for guardianship. He also clarified most temporary emergency guardianship are granted to petitioner who brings it to the court, normally a private citizen. Only if there is no other to petition for an at-risk adult, he could possibly use the board as temporary until long-term guardianship is completed. Judge Payne states that since there are generally limitations that are put on the petitioner of their scope what they can do, this helps ensure the ward's civil liberties along with ensuring their safety. Judge Payne explained the importance of having a board of community guardians as it is increasing in numbers of people who do not have family or close persons who can handle their affairs and safety when they become incapacitated. We truly appreciate Judge Payne for taking the time to come and discuss our questions.

No emails have been received at this time for review. A new application for potential ward has been received. Will take this to closed session for further discussion.

Closed Session:

Kirk MacGregor first updated the board on the status of our two current potential wards. He will be presenting these two to the court next week. Kirk will also be contacting Idaho Dept of Health and Welfare in regards to the potential ward (L.M.,) with a developmental disability diagnosis, so they can take this to their developmental services board to do a visitation.

It was asked by one of the guardians if notice could be given to them before the official notice of guardianship is sent out by the court. They would just like "heads up" so they can be prepared for potential contact of members of the community regarding the ward. Kirk stated that if this happens, they are to refer them to Kirk as he is the official contact for the court case.

New referral-M.F. was referred by Syringa Hospital and Clinic. Maja Ledgerwood, social worker, was present to discuss this with Kirk and the board. Tara Nida and Debbie Hays were recused from the discussion due to conflict of interest. After hearing the basis of the case and discussing the merits, the board decided unanimously to proceed with the referral for guardianship. As this person does not live in a facility and does have family, Kirk will first contact the family members. If the family members cannot or do not take the role of guardian, Kirk will notify the board so it can proceed with this matter.

Closed session ended.

Our next meeting will be on April 19, 2018. Meeting was adjourned at this time by unanimous vote.

Kirk Mida
Ala Fox
Synda Jay
Debbie Hays
Andrew Solberg

Darlene Clark
Larry Clark
Edith

Approved Minutes 04/19/2018