Idaho County Board of Community Guardians Emergency Meeting

1/26/21

Location: Idaho County Courthouse Submitted by: Andrea Solberg, secretary

In attendance:

Board Members: Alan Fox, Lynda Fox, Larry Clark, Darlene Clark, Chris Hagenbuch, Andrea Solberg

Non-members: Kirk MacGregor, Idaho County Prosecutor

An Emergency Meeting of ICBOCG was called to order at 3:40 p.m. to address a referral received by the board on 1/7/21 from Lisa Arnzen, Misdemeanor Probation Officer. The minutes from virtual meetings on 4/16/20, 7/2/20 and 10/22/20 were reviewed, accepted and submitted.

The referral is for D.A., a single, divorced gentleman with no children, who is living on his own in a house he inherited from his mother. He suffers from a traumatic brain injury, drug addiction and is currently on probation for battery of his sister. His sister also suffers from drug addiction and does not appear to be able to serve as D. A.'s guardian.

D.A.'s referral for a guardianship/conservatorship lists the following information:

- D.A. receives \$1200 social security due to disability with monthly payments required for house, cell phone, utilities, food and daily living.
- D.A. suffers severe short-term memory loss. This has affected him making his house payment, keeping
 probation and medical appts. His house went into foreclosure 1/2020. This was dismissed 11/2020, but can be
 refiled.
- In 2020 alone, D.A. suffered several health issues: Needs knee surgery, broke his hand, needs glasses, required stitches for cut hand that then became infected, several rotten teeth, strep/pneumonia
- D.A. has medicaid to help with in-home health care, meals on wheels, and case management. However, three different caregivers have not returned to his home after each visiting his home once.
- D.A. attends group treatment sessions intermittently. He tries to attend one-on-one counseling sessions to help him with his depression, but he often forgets these appts.
- D.A. is often taken advantage of as he has a fear of being alone, and thus welcomes people into his home that convince him to give them money.

Kirk and Lynda both conveyed their concern that D.A. is on probation for battery and could become violent with a guardian. The board discussed trying to get D.A. into a group home. This could only be achieved if he was appointed a guardian and then the guardian could try to place him in a group home. This would require D.A.'s consent and he could leave the home at will. Chris asked if we could request that D.A. be appointed a professional guardian, as no one on the board of guardians is comfortable with placing themselves in that role. Kirk said he had a contact in Moscow, David Keen, who is a professional guardian.

It was moved by Alan and seconded by Larry for ICBOCG to seek to make a referral for a professional guardian for D.A. The motion passed. Kirk will contact David Keen, professional guardian from Moscow, and ask him if he would serve in that capacity. Kirk will email us his findings.

Our next meeting will be February 18th. This will be our annual meeting. Lynda will share terms of office information at that time. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.

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