

**Idaho County Board of Community Guardians Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: May 15, 2025    Meeting Location: Idaho County Courthouse**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chris Hagenbuch (Chair), Lynda Fox (Vice-Chair), Nolene Weaver (Secretary), Alan Fox, Debbie Hays, Andrea Solberg, Jane Spencer, and Summer Duman.

**Others in Attendance:** Kirk McGregor, Attorney for Idaho County

**The meeting was called to order by Chris at 3:32 p.m.**

**The minutes of the Jan. 16, 2025 meeting were read aloud by Nolene.** Andrea moved and Debbie seconded the motion to adopt them as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**The minutes of the Feb. 5, 2025 meeting were read aloud by Nolene.** Lynda moved and Summer seconded the motion to adopt them as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**Guardians Updates on Wards**

**Kirk said the board has temporary guardianship of MC.** A zoom hearing is scheduled for permanent guardianship on June 4 at 9:45 a.m. Chris will be on the call. Alan and Lynda will serve as permanent guardians. John Wiltse is MC's attorney. Chris reported that MC was in the hospital in Lewiston for 2-3 days for foot swelling and pain. She had x-rays, nothing was broken. Chris asked if it was related to two separate incidents in late February in which other residents in wheelchairs ran over MC's foot. The doctor said no, the current problems with her foot was related to her diabetes.

**Alan and Lynda are guardians for LM.** They recently had a care conference. According to the Pre Admission Screening and Residential Review (PASRR) used by the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), there is no mention of LM's previous diagnosis of a developmental disability (DD). Her presenting disability is now dementia. Lynda asked if LM could now have a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order. Idaho law does not allow individuals with a DD to have a DNR. Kirk thought this might be possible. Lynda said a DNR is definitely in LM's best interest. She has many health issues including congestive heart and liver failure that negatively impact her quality of life. If she were resuscitated her quality of life would worsen and if performed, CPR would likely break ribs. Kirk asked if there is any record of her desired wishes. Lynda said no, LM has never been allowed to make that decision. Summer asked if there are any precedents to guide us. Chris asked if Kirk could do further research on whether LM's DNR could be lifted. Debbie moved that we table the issue until Kirk can investigate it further. Andrea seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Alan and Lynda's ward MR is doing well.** They had a care conference. MR's annual report to the court is due June 8. They will need to spend down MR's funds in the near future to keep Medicaid eligibility. They will purchase a burial policy.

**Debbie reported on her ward LB.** Debbie participated in a care plan meeting. LB was physically seen by her doctor. GHR has lots of traveling staff and LB sometimes strikes people she doesn't know. GHR is dealing with her behavior. The doctors suggested putting LB on blood pressure medicine. Debbie said no because LM refuses to take all of her other medications. When LB was over-resourced, Debbie purchased a burial policy from Blackmere but they put the wrong name on it. Once the error was discovered Blackmere refunded the money. Debbie asked the board's opinion on whether to purchase burial insurance through GHR or Blackmere. The general consensus was to stay with Blackmere.

**Update on Referral of FE from Feb. 5.** Kirk said FE's petition will be ready to sign and file on Monday. Chris will take care of it. FE has a developmental disability (DD) so DHW has to do an evaluation. Kirk thought the evaluation came first but learned that we need to file the petition first, then DHW does their evaluation. Chris said he would be FE's guardian/conservator. Alan suggested that when Kirk is communicating with the DHW's attorney about FE, he also ask about the DD and DNR issue related to LM.

**Idaho County Commissioner Support for Board of Guardians:** Chris asked board members for their thoughts on asking the Idaho County Commissioners to provide more support for the board. It was agreed that we need help recruiting guardians, especially in outlying areas, and perhaps need other support. Chris said if anyone had other input they should let him know. It was noted that Ada County and Kootenai County both have staff, or at least part time staff, assigned to the board. Nolene felt the commissioners are abdicating their responsibilities and placing significant responsibilities and commitments on volunteers. Kirk said the law reads that counties "may" establish a board of guardians so we should proceed thoughtfully. Summer suggested we do more research on what other counties do, have a discussion and come to a consensus before meeting with commissioners. Chris suggested the board have a special meeting for this purpose.

**Chris said we have a new referral that just came in.** Chris read excerpts from the only copy. MC2 is a female widow, born in 1953, who lives at 106 Nez Perce Street in Kamiah. She is in Kootenai Behavioral Health, a short term psychiatric unit within Kootenai Hospital. She is on a mental health hold because after being involved with law enforcement. Kirk said she is in the state's custody and a judge is already involved. MR2 may have dementia, not a mental health disorder. Dementia is now considered a neuro-cognitive disorder and involves a different set of rules and procedures. MR2 has family. Unknowns are contact information for family, doctor's report, and payor source. MR2 has a trailer and had \$7000 cash in her possession. After some discussion Kirk agreed to respond to the referring individual. He will tell them there is nothing we can do at this time since MR2 is in custody of the state, we don't know when/if she'll get out, and what she will need at that time.

Kirk said he will do better at getting notices to the board and will try to flag due dates on paperwork. He clarified that a guardianship plan must be in place within 90 days of permanent appointments. He read from state law that an accounting is due 30 days after the anniversary date of the guardian's appointment.

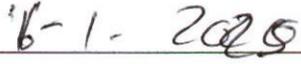
**The next board meeting will be June 19 at 3:30.** Chris will determine the location and will notify everyone.

Debbie moved we adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Lynda. **The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.**

Submitted by: Nolene Weaver, Secretary

Approved by Board of Guardians

  
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