

NEW MEXICO WINGS

WORKING INTERDISCIPLINARY NETWORK OF GUARDIANSHIP STAKEHOLDERS

JUDGE NANCY J. FRANCHINI
2nd Judicial District Court, Chair

MEETING MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting
Held Virtually Via Zoom
August 9, 2022

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Roll was called. The following Network members were present: Justice C. Shannon Bacon (judiciary); Judge Nancy J. Franchini (judiciary); Judge Dan Bryant (judiciary); Anastasia Martin (Aging and Long-Term Services); Alice Liu McCoy (New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council); Bryce Pittenger (Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative); Brian Colón (State Auditor); Sen. Katy Duhigg (legislature); Sen. Linda Lopez (legislature); Rep. Joanne Ferrary (legislature); Tim Gardner, (Disability Rights New Mexico); Greg Ireland (professional conservator); Veronica Chavez Neuman (family guardian); Margaret "Peggy" Graham (attorney); Dr. Christine Burns (health care provider); Patricia Galindo, (Administrative Office of the Courts); Judge William B. Johnson (Tribal member).

The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting of NM WINGS – on April 12, 2022 – were reviewed. Patricia Galindo moved to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Peggy Graham and the April 12, 2022, minutes were approved on a voice vote.

The proposed agenda for the August 9 meeting was reviewed. Tim Gardner moved to approve it. Motion was seconded by Patricia Galindo. The August 9 meeting agenda was approved on a voice vote.

The Network member heard reports from the three subcommittees: Oversight, Process Changes, and Training.

The Chair noted that member Rosanna Soloperto had resigned from the Network. As Ms. Soloperto had chaired the oversight subcommittee, the Chair made the report in her stead. The Chair reported that the oversight subcommittee met on July 6, 2022 and focused on these topics: the need for monitoring for abuse; evaluating the effectiveness of the current oversight and monitoring; a review of how other states conduct oversight and monitoring.

Representative Ferrary noted that the National Council of State Legislatures had offered to help in that effort.

Tim Gardner reported on the process changes subcommittee. He reported that the subcommittee had met twice. It had focused on the following topics: procedures after the death of an alleged incapacitated person; supportive decision-making.

Peggy Graham reported that the training subcommittee had met and had scheduled follow-up meetings. She reported that the training subcommittee had focused on the following topics: alternatives to guardianship, court processes, least restrictive means, training for professional guardians, voluntary placements, and limited guardianship.

Patricia Galindo provided an update on the work of the Guardianship Annual Report Review Division (GARRD.) Veronica Chavez Neuman reported on experience with the GARRD system from the perspective of ARC of New Mexico. Ms. Galindo also introduced a guest, Ms. Pam Stafford, of NM Caregivers in Action, who reported on the experiences of family caregivers on non-professionals with the new system. Members discussed the benefits and challenges of the system.

Ms. Alice Liu-McCoy provided an update on the Supported Decision-Making Task Force. She summarized the concept of supported decision-making, discussing the spectrum of remedies for people who require help making decisions and describing how supported decision-making fits into that spectrum. Ms. Liu-McCoy also described the history of the Supported Decision-Making Task Force and its current activities and recommendations, which include new legislation.

The Network heard public comments from Ms. Lorraine Mendiola and Ms. Karen Duprey.

Alice Liu McCoy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sen. Lopez. The motion carried on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.