

NEW MEXICO WINGS

WORKING INTERDISCIPLINARY NETWORK OF GUARDIANSHIP STAKEHOLDERS

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

Minutes
Quarterly Meeting
Held Virtually Via Zoom
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

Roll was taken. The following members were present: Judge Franchini, Justice Bacon, Judge Biedscheid, Judge Bryant, Ms. Martin, Ms. McCoy, Ms. Pittenger, Mr. Colón, Mr. Snow, Rep. Ferrary, Mr. Gardner, Ms. Soloperto, Mr. Ireland, Ms. Chavez Neuman, Ms. Graham, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Simmerson, Ms. Galindo, Ms. Valencia.

Members introduced themselves.

Judge Biedscheid moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Mr. Colón. The Agenda was approved on a voice vote.

Mr. Colón moved to approve the minutes of the November 2021 meeting. Second by Rep. Ferrary. The minutes of the November 2021 meeting were approved on a voice vote.

The Chair provided a legislative update on SB35. She noted changes in the current bill compared to the version developed by WINGS. A vote was expected in the Senate later in the day. There was discussion about strategy for passing the Bill in the House of Representatives.

The members began a review of the issues they had identified in response to an online survey. The Chair explained that she would appoint three members of the executive committee to serve as subcommittee chairs; Ms. Graham, Ms. Soloperto, and Mr. Gardner. Members proposed identifying three topics, taken from the list of issues, and assigning each topic to a subcommittee.

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Various members made suggestions and each suggestion was discussed. After discussion, the members chose the following three topics for the subcommittees to address: 1) Oversight/Quality Control; 2) Training/Guardianship in Practice; 3) Process Changes/Statutes and Rules.

Although the Chair noted that there could be overlap among the subcommittees, regarding the issues they decided to study, the following outline was prepared to generally describe the work of each subcommittee.

1) Oversight/Quality Control

- A Enforcement
- B System for grievances
- C Quality of Services
- D Court Monitoring Project
- E Licensing for guardians and conservators
- F Monitoring of transitions of care

2) Training/Guardianship in Practice

Training for these groups of people:

- A guardians and conservators (plenary/limited)
- B protected persons
- C Judges/all legal professionals/visitors/
- D educators
- E auditors/AG/ state agencies
- F medical and behavioral health providers
- G Interested persons and the public

Training on these topics:

- A Alternatives to guardianship
- B Court processes
- C Least restrictive means
- D Professional obligations
- E How voluntary placement agreements affect guardianship

3) Process Changes (statutes and rules)

- A Licensing/process for licensing
- B Least restrictive means (pre and post-adjudication/alternatives to guardianship)
- C Policies for transitions of care
- D regarding death of protected person/termination of guardianship or conservatorship
- E resources to sustain efforts

The Chair discussed next steps. She stated that she planned to meet with the Executive Committee members to determine which subcommittees they would chair. She explained that NM WINGS would send members a survey to gauge members' preferences for subcommittee assignments. She noted that each subcommittee would decide which issues to study, based on the issues identified by WINGS members and the interests and expertise of the subcommittee members.

In other business, members discussed conflicts with future meeting dates and noted a desire to avoid setting meetings during legislative sessions.

Public comments were offered by Ms. Lorraine Mendiola.

Ms. McCoy moved to adjourn. The second was from Rep. Ferrary. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 10:32am.