

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
November 1, 2022
9am – 12pm

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Members answered roll call. The following Network members were present at the beginning of the meeting: Justice C. Shannon Bacon (judiciary); Judge Nancy J. Franchini (judiciary); Judge Dan Bryant (judiciary); Judge Bryan Biedscheid (judiciary); Ms. Anastasia Martin (Aging and Long-Term Services); Ms. Alice Liu McCoy (New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council); Mr. Brian Colón (State Auditor); Mr. Van Snow (AG's Office); Sen. Linda Lopez (legislature); Rep. Joanne Ferrary (legislature); Mr. Tim Gardner, (Disability Rights New Mexico); Mr. Greg Ireland (professional conservator); Ms. Veronica Chavez Neuman (family guardian); Ms. Margaret "Peggy" Graham (attorney); Ms. Patricia Galindo, (Administrative Office of the Courts); Ms. DeAnza Valencia (AARP). Dr. Christine Burns (health care provider) joined the meeting later.

The Network considered the draft minutes from the previous Quarterly Meeting (August 9, 2022). Ms. Graham moved to approve the minutes. Second was by Judge Bryant. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.

Next, the Network considered the draft Agenda for the November 1 meeting. Mr. Colón moved to approve. Second was by Judge Bryant. The proposed Agenda was approved on a voice vote.

The Chair introduced two guests: Dr. Diane Robinson and Ms. Morgan Moffett of the National Center for State Courts. Dr. Robinson then facilitated a priority-setting exercise with the Network. She began by asking members to identify the best reforms that New Mexico has put in place. Among the members' answers were the following: Changing the temporary guardianship law; licensing for guardians; case cleanup; information sheets and other ways to provide greater access to information; statutory requirement to identify less restrictive alternatives; the engagement of the

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judiciary in WINGS; the court visitor pilot project; the creation and implementation of GAARD; proving educational videos available in English and Spanish; creation of a grievance process.

Next, Dr. Robinson summarized reforms happening elsewhere in nation, before asking members to think about and share ways to help different stakeholders as they considered what New Mexico WINGS should do next. Responses included the following: a mediation program; looking at examples of less restrictive alternatives; providing more training for the health care, education, and banking sectors; ending the default to plenary guardianships; studying whether statewide licensure of guardianships and conservatorships improved outcomes in other states; training/education for litigants to contain costs; providing counsel for protected persons and studying how a public guardian functions in other states; expanding the role of the Office of Family Representation; developing a protected person's "bill of rights.

Dr. Robinson then asked members to prioritize these ideas based on the importance of the issues and the relative ease or difficulty of accomplishing the reform. After further discussion, the members reached apparent consensus to focus on the following priorities on the following dates: Less restrictive alternatives at the April meeting; mediation, plenary guardianships, and a protected persons' Bill of Rights at the August meeting.

Next, the Network heard public comments from Ms. Karen Duprey.

In other business, Ms. Galindo extended thanks to outgoing State Auditor Colón, who was attending his last WINGS meeting.

Mr. Ireland moved to adjourn the meeting. The second was by Rep. Ferrary. The motion was approved by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.