

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board Meeting
Open Meeting Minutes
Howard County Maryland
Meeting Date: May 2, 2019

A. Call to Order for Open Meeting: 8:48am

B. Roll Call via sign-in sheet, establishment of quorum.

- Voting members present
 1. Renee Bitner, Public Health Nurse Member
 2. Eletta Morse, Commission on Aging Member
 3. Michele Henry, Professional in Field of Disabilities Member
 4. William Moss, Nonprofit Member – Linwood Center
 5. Michelle Melotti, Radiologist - Physician
 6. Nikki Young, Person with Disability Member
 7. Steven Plakitsis, Agency Representative (Howard County DSS – acting Chair)
- Others present
 1. Barrett King, Court Attorney for the wards
 2. Beverly Heyden, Howard County Office of Law representing (DSS & OAI)
 3. Linda Schuster (Executive Secretary, HCDSS)
 4. Debby Magin (OAI Presenter)
 5. Chloe Widstrom (OAI presenter)
 6. Anthony Parisella (DSS presenter)
 7. Kyle Popkey (DSS staff)
 8. Brittany Spencer (DSS staff)

C. Updates and announcements –

- William Moss is retiring this year.
- Minutes from February 7th meeting were not available and will be circulated by mail.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. There continues to be no response to the Board's request for a formal legal opinion from the Attorney General on whether the Board is a county or state entity. In a past meeting Chip moved that the issue remain as a (permanent) agenda item as there is little confidence that we will receive a definitive answer. Voted "for" unanimously.
2. The Compliance Committee did not meet in March due to a conflict of schedules, to discuss the format for the Guardian's Report to the Board.
3. Kimberly Prium (County Executive's Office for Constituent Services and Community Partnerships) has asked Steve who of the 4 board members whose terms expire on June 30, 2019 wish to be considered for re-appointment on the board
 - a. Of the 4 Board members Michelle Melotti and Eletta Morse wish to continue with the board
 - b. Chris Rand and Kim McKay have declined to be considered for another term
4. Status of January 2018 request to Attorney General Frosh Re: whether we are a state or county board, no response and is ongoing.
5. New format for Guardian's Report to Board: Archana made 2nd draft but still not ready to present to full board.
6. New Format for Board's recommendation to Court following each meeting: Archana made 2nd draft but still not ready to present to full Board.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Steve asked if anyone would like to be the new Chair as Archana will resign as Chair after this meeting, no one volunteered. Steve will contact people between now and the August meeting
2. Chip was nominated as new Chair, but was not present.
3. William Moss is retiring and will no longer be a member.

F. Closed meeting to review Guardianships: Motion was made to move into closed meeting at 9:02am. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Next meeting will be held on August 1, 2019 at 8:30