

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board Howard County Maryland
Open Meeting
February 4, 2021

- A. Call to Order for Open Meeting at the Howard County Department of Social Services: 8:34 am
- B. Roll Call via sign-in sheet, establishment of quorum.
- Voting members expected to be present
 1. Fred (Chip) Coover, Attorney Member
 2. Renee Bitner, Public Health Nurse Member
 3. Steven Plakitsis, County Agency (Howard County DSS) Representative (Chair)
 4. Eletta Morse, Commission on Aging Member
 5. Nikki Young, Person with Disabilities Member
 6. Archana Leon-Guerrero, Psychiatrist Member
 7. Michelle Melotti, Physician Member
 8. Candace Ball, Lay person member
 9. Michelle Henry, Disability Professional Member
 - Voting members expected to be absent-excused
 1. None
 - Vacant positions
 1. Non-Profit Organization member vacated by (retiring) William Moss
 2. Lay Person member vacated by Kimberly McKay
 - Others expected to be present
 1. Kimberly Pruim – Office of the County Executive, Constituent Services and Community Partners
 2. Barrett King, Court-Appointed Attorney for disabled persons
 3. Beverly Heyden, Howard County Office of Law representing (DSS)
 4. Linda Schuster, Executive secretary, Howard County Dept of Social Services (DSS)
 5. Lauren Saks, Social Worker for HCDSS Guardianship cases
- C. Review of minutes from Open and Closed meetings for November 5, 2020 - approved
- D. Old Business: None
- E. New Business:
1. Update by DSS regarding face to face visiting with clients in institutional settings
 - a. Face to face visits vs. virtual visits – no access to see clients, all virtual visits, non-verbal clients.
 - b. Tracking of COVID-19 among wards
 - c. Echo devices
 2. Update on filling vacancies to the board
 - a. Process to fill vacancies (2). No limitations, we are allowed 8 consecutive years. Kim Pruim to put out press release for vacancies.
 - b. Suggestions to fill vacancy – Kim Pruim helps to fill vacancies, 3 year terms. Terms starts June 1st. It is a month long process.
 3. Open to New Business from floor.
- F. Reminder of next APGRB meeting Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 8:30am. Closed open meeting at 9:14am.
- G. Adjournment.

Minutes prepared Linda Schuster on 4/19/2021