

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board Howard County Maryland  
Open Meeting  
May 6, 2021

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- A. Call to Order for Open Meeting at the Howard County Department of Social Services: 8:33 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
    10. Frank Kirkland, Non-profit Member
  - Voting members expected to be absent-excused
    1. None
  - Vacant positions
    1. Lay Person member vacated by Kimberly McKay
  - Others expected to be present
    1. Andy Hall, Court-Appointed Attorney for disabled persons
    2. Beverly Heyden, Howard County Office of Law representing (DSS)
    3. Linda Schuster, Executive secretary, Howard County Dept of Social Services (DSS)
    4. Lauren Saks, Social Worker for HCDSS Guardianship cases
- C. Review of minutes from Open and Closed meeting for February 4, 2021 - 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 – Due to Covid – still virtual visits occurring.
    - b. Tracking of COVID-19 among wards
    - c. Transferring of cases that no longer live in Howard County: Samira Salmassi lives in Baltimore City, Kevin Jackson to Dorchester County, and Margaret Duvall to Carroll County.
    - d. We will be getting a new client from Carroll County.
  2. Update on filling vacancies to the board
    - a. Process to fill vacancies (2).
    - b. Suggestions to fill vacancy – Michelle Melotti mentioned a colleague, Kendra Merine is interested in a becoming a member.
  3. Open to New Business from floor.
    - a. Goodbye to Michelle Melotti, her last meeting is today.
    - b. Welcome to Frank Kirkland our new member.
- F. Reminder of next APGRB meeting Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 8:30am. Closed open meeting at 8:45 am. Reopened open meeting at 10:01am to approve Open and closed minutes and closed Open and closed meeting at 10:02 am.
- G. Adjournment.