

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board Howard County Maryland
Open Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2020

A. Call to Order for Open Meeting at the Howard County Department of Social Services: 8:47am

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

- Voting members present
 1. Renee Bitner, Public Health Nurse Member
 2. Steven Plakitsis, County Agency (Howard County DSS) Representative (Chair)
 3. Fred (Chip) Coover, Attorney Member
 4. Eletta Morse, Commission on Aging Member
- Voting members absent-excused
 1. Archana Leon-Guerrero, Physician who is a Psychiatrist Member
 2. Nikki Young, Person with Disabilities Member
 3. Michelle Melotti, Radiologist, Psychiatrist Member
 4. Candace Ball – Lay Person member
 5. Michelle Henry, Disability Professional Member
- Vacant positions
 1. Non-Profit Organization member vacated by (retiring) William Moss
 2. Lay Person member vacated by Kimberly McKay
- Others present
 1. Barrett King, 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 meetings for August 6, 2020 approved – Fred (Chip) Coover, Attorney Member Abstained, due to being absent August 6, 2020.

D. Old Business:

1. New format for Guardian's Report to Board: Compliance Committee item remains open.
 - a. SSA is looking into this as well
 - b. Most likely this has been put on hold as there have been no updates from SSA
2. New format for Board's recommendation to Court following each meeting: Compliance Committee. Item remains open. Court wants to track medications taken by clients.
 - a. Process following the Board's recommendation to terminate guardianship. Law is not going to change.

E. New Business:

1. Compliance Committee Report: No formal meeting held.
2. Update by DSS regarding face to face visiting with clients in institutional settings
 - a. Lauren to give 'Echo' devices to the facility of clients to be able to see them face to face.
3. Open to New Business from floor.

F. Reminder of next APGRB meeting Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 8:30am. Closed open meeting at 9:01am.

G. Adjournment.