

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board Howard County Maryland  
Open Meeting Agenda  
November 7, 2019

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

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

- Voting members expected to be present

- ~~1.~~ 1. Renee Bitner, Public Health Nurse Member
- ~~2.~~ 2. Steven Plakitsis, County Agency (Howard County DSS) Representative (Chair)
- ~~3.~~ 3. Fred (Chip) Coover, Attorney Member
- ~~4.~~ 4. Eletta Morse, Commission on Aging Member
- ~~5.~~ 5. Nikki Young, Person with Disabilities Member
- ~~6.~~ 6. Archana Leon-Guerrero, Physician who is a Psychiatrist Member
- ~~7.~~ 7. Candace Ball – Lay Person member
- ~~8.~~ 8. Michelle Melotti, Radiologist, Psychiatrist Member
- ~~9.~~ 9. Michelle Henry, Disability Professional Member

- Voting members expected to be absent-excused - 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. Barrett King, Court-Appointed Attorney for disabled persons
- 2. Mary Campbell, Court Appointed Attorney for disabled person
- 3. Beverly Heyden, Howard County Office of Law representing (DSS)
- 4. Linda Schuster, Executive secretary, Howard County Dept of Social Services (DSS)

C. Review of minutes from Open and Closed meetings for May 2, 2019 and August 1, 2019.

E. Old Business:

1. Status of our January 2018 request to Attorney General Frosh re whether we are a state or county board.
  - a. Received response from Mr. Kuc, Howard County Solicitor dated June 6, 2018 that we are a state board.
  - b. Response from Patrick Hughes, Chief Counsel, Opinions & Advice, Office of the Attorney General
2. New format for Guardian's Report to Board: Compliance Committee item remains open.
  - a. SSA is looking into this as well
3. New format for Board's recommendation to Court following each meeting: Compliance Committee. Item remains open.
  - a. Process following the Board's recommendation to terminate guardianship

F. New Business:

1. Compliance Committee Report: No formal meeting held.
2. Full vs. file (paper) hearing
3. Discussion regarding court awarding guardianships to HCDSS that may not be the most appropriate assignment
4. Open to New Business from floor.

G. Reminder of next APGRB meeting Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 8:30am.

H. Adjournment.