

# Adult Public Guardianship Review Board Howard County Maryland

## Open Meeting Minutes

### November 7, 2019

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- A. Call to Order for Open Meeting at the Howard County Department of Social Services: 8:46am
- B. Roll Call via sign-in sheet, establishment of quorum (6).
- Voting members present
    1. Archana Leon-Guerrero, Physician, Psychiatrist Member
    2. Michelle Melotti-Merdon, Radiologist - Physician
    3. Steven Plakitsis, Agency Representative -Howard County DSS –Board Chair
    4. Candace Ball, Community Member – Vice-Chair
    5. Fred (Chip) Coover, Attorney Member
    6. Nikki Young, Person with Disabilities Member
    7. Eletta Morse, Commission on Aging Member
  - Others present
    1. Andy Hall, Court Attorney for the Disabled persons
    2. Mary Campbell, Attorney for a Disabled person
    3. Beverly Heydon, Howard County Office of Law representing (DSS)
    4. Linda Schuster (Executive Secretary, HCDSS)
    5. Chloe Widstrom (OAI presenter)
    6. Brittany Spencer (DSS staff)
    7. Lauren Saks (DSS Staff)
  - Vacant Positions
    1. Non-Profit Organization member vacated by (retiring) William Moss
    2. Lay Person member vacated by Kimberly McKay
- C. Review of Minutes from Open and Closed meetings for May 2, 2019 and August 1, 2019.
- Both sets of the minutes were approved.
- D. 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, 2019 that we are a state board.
    - b. Response from Patrick Hughes, Chief Counsel, Opinions & Advice, Office of the Attorney General that we are a state board
  2. New format for Guardian's Report to Board: Compliance committee item remains open
    - a. SSA is looking into this as well to standardize all reports across the state.
    - b. Steve to call Pam Luby about what we have put together and status of the state's standardization efforts.
  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
- E. NEW BUSINESS:
1. Compliance Committee Report: No meeting - Have not met for quite some time now.
  2. Full vs. file (Paper) hearing. Steve will keep track of full and paper reviews.
  3. Steve to call County Executive office in reference to vacancies.
  4. Client's attorney may waive the requirement for a quorum so the case may be reviewed and a recommendation made by the board.
  5. Discussed process for transferring guardianship of person from HCDSS to correct jurisdiction.
- F. Reminder of next APGRB meeting Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 8:30 am.
- G. Adjourned open meeting 9:37am.