

Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders

August 21, 2013 summary minutes

The Committee approved the minutes from the June 19, 2013 meeting.

The main topic of the meeting was planning for the guardianship summit. Sally Hurme suggested the Committee prepare a template for recommendations so that members of the each break out session have it ready at the summit. Another suggestion was to have a facilitator orientation. Mary Jane Ciccarello agreed to conduct the orientation.

The Committee decided to not have a vote to prioritize the recommendations by the working groups. The Committee will evaluate and pursue the recommendations.

The Committee agreed on a schedule for the summit.

Each working group chair reported on the progress in preparation for the summit. Mary Jane Ciccarello presented an outline for the working group that focused on educating the public and the stakeholders on alternatives to guardianship, person-centered planning, supported decision-making, guardianship proceedings, and the guardian's responsibilities. Recorder (Mary Jane Ciccarello), facilitator (David Turner) and author (Maureen Henry) have been secured for this breakout session. A reporter for the final plenary session will be selected from among the working group.

Rob Denton, the chair of the working group focusing on medical evidence of incapacity and functional assessment, reported on the group's discussion and indicated a need for an outside facilitator. The group will focus on developing strategies so that the court has access to adequate information to make appropriate judgments. The group will also discuss billing as a real-world limitation to medical evidence of incapacity. A facilitator, recorder, and author are yet to be selected.

Tim Shea's group on collective impact and collaborative action will have a brief in the form of existing paper "Collective Impact" from Stanford Social Innovation Review (Winter 2011). The discussion at the summit will focus on identifying gaps in agency cooperation by asking what needs to be improved and what worked well and the reasons for both. The Committee decided to start with one category: vulnerable adults with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. It was noted that just bringing the stakeholders together and having a discussion is a success. A facilitator (Lori Giovannoni of DCFS), recorder (Tim Shea) were confirmed.