



## *Alaska WINGS*

### Vision – the Dream

Design an effective system of processes that maximizes the support of vulnerable adults in Alaska.

### Mission – The What and Why

To ensure a functional and responsive adult guardianship system that maximizes self-determination, avoids unnecessary guardianships using less restrictive alternatives and prevents and addresses abuse through monitoring and education.

### *January 26, 2021 Minutes 9am to 11am*

#### Attendance:

Lisa Wawrzonek, Coordinator

Teresa Holt, AARP

Dave Fleurant, DLC

Anne Applegate, GCDSE

Stacey Marz, ACS

Lizette Stiehr, AADD

Tammy Hunter, APS

Beth Russo, Office of Public Advocacy

Beth Goldstein, Office of Public Advocacy

Diane Brewer, AG

Monique Martin, AK Regional

Dave Ballard, ALSC

Kelda Barstad, AMHTA

Mikki Easley, LTCO

Alvin Anchetta, LTCO

Patrice Icardi, Attorney

Marge Stoneking, AARP

William Segerra, SSA

Alex Hildebrand, AG

#### I. **Welcome and Housekeeping**

- a. Welcome New Members Dave Ballard, Marge Stoneking, Alan Edwards (SSA Regional), Katie Hague. Welcome new members with LTCO Alvin Anchetta and Mikki Easley

#### II. **Presentation by Jean Krahn, Executive Director, Kansas Guardianship Program in Manhattan, Kansas. A Volunteer guardianship program**

#### III. **Committee Reports and Announcements:**

- a. Teresa Holt is seeking a legislative champion for the Statute Committee. Her email is [tholt@aarp.org](mailto:tholt@aarp.org) if anyone has suggestions. Someone with a personal interest in this field would be ideal
- b. Lisa will send a Doodle poll for an April meeting to keep the discussion on today's presentation going.

- c. **Court Improvement & Monitoring – Stacey and Lisa W**
  - i. With the creation of Lisa W position – the Court is developing reports to analyze response time statewide regarding timeframes between a petition and appointment orders (for attorney/visitor) and from time of hearing to the distribution of orders to those appointed. This will help to determine the timeliness of court responses
  - ii. The Court has required contracts for those Court Visitors working on conservatorship matters which include 10 hours of continued education and the use of the new standardized forms for most types of cases visitors work on. Judicial training went out on the forms and the Court Visitors will also receive a training schedule.
  - iii. PG 190 has been re-designed with an order now PG 191 on the most common requests for reviews. Working on research project on reviews to understand the main reasons for requests – can we be more efficient with certain requests etc.
  - iv. PG 225 and PG 210 are in the final stages of coding and likely out by February. Will request 12 months of statements from operational accounts, professional guardians detail/fees.
  - v. Lisa W working with statewide courts over the next six months on how required documents are monitored. Education, Implementation and Annual report ticklers, who reviews and how is it done etc.
  - vi. Judicial education on monitoring with the release of the new report forms is being worked on now.
  - vii. Court is in current discussion on a Complaint form modeled after the State of Idaho’s complaint form where any individual can file a concern against a guardian and the court will have several response tools. The difference between the petition for review and the complaint form is more of one is to request change while the other is to notify the court of a concern; especially if the person filing the concern wishes to be confidential.
- d. **Alternatives** – If time allows, Anne Applegate will provide an update. This sub-committee continues to meet regularly.
- e. **Education** – Committee Chair will convene a meeting to discuss in the near future goals and current need of committee.
- f. **Statute Committee**
  - i. No final recommendations yet but working on putting the pieces together
  - ii. Inquires with the Court on court burden of some notice requirements
  - iii. Seeking legislative champion
  - iv. Continues to meet monthly
- g. **Probate Rules** – Public Comment just ended on 1/25. Stacy Steinberg will provide updates to Lisa W that will be sent out as received.

IV. Next meeting April 2021 –