

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATOR GUIDELINES
COMMITTEE MEETING

May 5, 2017

The meeting of the Conservator Guidelines Committee (the "Committee") was held on Friday, May 5, 2017, commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Central Connecticut Regional Children's Court - Meriden, Connecticut.

Present at the meeting were: Paul Knierim, Mark DeGennaro, Chair, Kelley J. Clairmont, Diane Blick, Monica Gonzalez, Keeley Phipps, Patricia Saviano, and Cathryn-Jean Fleming.

Judge Knierim called the meeting to Order and the Minutes of the Conservator Guidelines Committee Meeting of February 3, 2017 were approved.

Judge Knierim informed this Committee that the State Justice Institute approved a training grant in the amount of \$30,000.00. The training program being developed is for lay persons and professionals acting as Conservator.

In terms of Legislation, the Conservator accountability bill passed the Senate and is now heading to the House for approval. This bill contains a provision for random audits of Conservators and also contains a Code of conduct to develop Connecticut best practices for Conservators. We discussed review of the National Guardianship Association guidelines, adopting them as Connecticut Best Practices, or modifying or simply using them as guidelines in developing our own guidelines.

CO-17s continue to be a laborious task. Fee waivers must be approved and on file in order to submit a CO-17.

Contract Conservator – this program is going well and has been modified. Effective July, 2017, anyone can sign into the program but must commit to at least 10 cases in the aggregate per conservator. The contract conservator can now begin at the start of any quarter. Contracts will automatically renew unless the Conservator notifies the Court his/her wish to opt out.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathryn-Jean Fleming