

CONSUMER LEADERSHIP CAUCUS DRAFT MINUTES FOR APRIL 22, 2009

Members Present: Mike Smith, Angie Flores, Shiloh Blackburn, Kristyn Herbert, Alonzo Statham

Members Absent: James Steed

Staff Present: Ron Enright, Christine Pisani, and Samantha Wallace

Other: Mary Arndt, and Zelda Carrico

Christine Pisani called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm.

The agenda was reviewed. Alonzo Statham would like to share his victim impact statement. Christine would like to share the Pocatello SALN newsletter and the "My Friend Emily" book she received from the Epilepsy Foundation.

Angie Flores made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. There was a second from Kristyn Herbert. The motion carried unanimously.

Christine distributed the "Interview questions for proposed guardian/conservator" provided by regional Health & Welfare guardianship evaluation committees. The group discussed how they would improve these questions.

Shiloh Blackburn says that before she joined the Council she knew what a guardian was but not what a conservator was. She suggested that **"conservator" be defined in question number 1 and that what role they play in an individual's life be explained.**

For question 1: Is there an introduction provided and if so what is it? Find out from DHW.

Define court, guardianship (full and limited), conservator, and ward.

An alternate wording for question number 1 would be: “Are you aware that someone has filed for guardianship/conservator through the courts? Do you understand what that means?” Explain what their rights are in this process.

Do you know why “insert name” would apply for guardianship? How long have you known this person and what is your relationship with this person? If a guardian is appointed to you, you will no longer have rights (provided examples of what rights will be removed from the individual explain that you have the right to be present at your hearing, explain what the hearing is, etc...at this hearing would you like to be able to speak for yourself).

~MOVE QUESTION 5 HERE~

Also, these questions should address whether or not the individual has heard of alternatives to guardianship (explain and give example).

For question 2: Strike and replace with: “Do you feel like you make good choices in your life?”

“Are there people you can turn to when you are faced with hard choices?”

“Do you feel like you have good support from people in your life?”

“Could you give an example of a time when you asked for help in making a hard choice?” Provide an example of what happened.

For question 3: Strike as written and replace with:

“Where do live now?”

“Is this your choice?”

“Do you work?” Do you like your job?”

“Do you need help in your home?”

“Do you choose your support?”

For question 4: Strike as written.

For question 5: Strike and replace with-“If you were going to select a guardian, who would you choose and why?”

For question 6: Strike as written

For question 7: Strike as written

At the end of the document: Explain next steps and process and what they can be doing. **How does the department conclude these interviews?**

Ron to ask Budd Kendrick and Alonzo to ask ADA County guardianship monitoring program to come to the July meeting to explain this process. dfindlay@adaweb.net 208-287-7651

Christine distributed the Pocatello SALN newsletter and talked about the book she received from the Epilepsy Foundation called “My Friend Emily-A story about Epilepsy and Friendship”.

Alonzo read his victim statement that will be used in the Court proceedings to prosecute the individuals who stole and damaged his power wheelchair.

Future Agenda Items:

-Improve “other interested persons interview questions” for DD Guardianship interview questions

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.