

<p>Discussion with Department of Health & Welfare Staff about the process of guardianship (cont'd)</p>	<p>interpreters each time one is needed; however in some cases this can be arranged. Before volunteers visit, a letter goes out alerting the ward and guardian about the visit. James Steed recommended that a person with a disability talk to the volunteer during their training. If a ward has a complaint about the guardian, the issue is researched to try and get the best care for them as possible. The ward is not asked if they have thought about getting their guardianship removed. Currently there is no code in the DD Act for termination of guardianship. The probate code is used, and all judges handle each situation differently. A ward can request a “status hearing” if they have complaints about their guardianship. Everyone attends the hearing, and everyone has a chance to speak.</p> <p>(Resources: Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, Idaho State Bar referral service)</p> <p>A pilot project is scheduled for the end of the summer. There will be mandatory online training for conservators. They will have to pay a fee of \$25 for the training and will be able to access it at any point online.</p>
<p>Review and improve “Other Interested Persons” Interview Questions</p>	<p>A conference call was held with Noralee Fitch to discuss the “Other Interested Persons” Interview Questions. Initially there is a follow-up with the family to get more needed information. There is then a scheduled meeting with the family and the committee. The committee consists of a social worker, psychologist, and a physician. During the meeting with the committee the family is asked questions, and then asked to step out while the</p>

<p>Review and improve “Other Interested Persons” Interview Questions</p>	<p>individual is asked questions. The meeting with the individual usually takes about 10-15 minutes depending on how verbal they are. The committee is trying to find out if the person understands what is going on, and what needs they have. Once the committee has met with the individual, the family is asked to come back in. There is a report written, etc. Once they leave, the committee discusses full vs. partial guardianship. Information on alternatives to guardianship is not currently provided, but could be. Also, if there is a need for an interpreter, one can be provided. If an individual wants guardianship revoked, they need to petition to do so. Updated and current information would be provided on the individual, and compared to the old information. An attorney would be sought out and the same process as receiving guardianship is followed. Noralee stated that this issue has never come up. Noralee reported that about 30-35 guardianships were reviewed last year (most of these were minors turning 18). She explained that an “annual report” (questionnaire) is required each year determining whether or not a person is still “disabled”. Noralee reported that information on alternatives to guardianship was provided to Canyon County schools.</p> <p>The members decided an additional conference call would be held to discuss this matter before the October Council Meeting, after the minutes go out.</p>
<p>Wrap Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review Action Items - Next Steps on Guardianship 	<p>James Steed to follow-up on having a person with a disability talk to volunteers during their training.</p>

Action Item	Conference call to be held before October Council Meeting
Meeting Evaluation	
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.