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ORDER

IN RE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AND  
APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WORKING  
INTERDISCIPLINARY NETWORK ON  
GUARDIANSHIP (WINGS)

Pursuant to §§ 3-1-710 and -711, MCA, the Chief Justice of the Montana Supreme Court hereby establishes the Working Interdisciplinary Network on Guardianship.

IT IS ORDERED that the Working Interdisciplinary Network on Guardianship (WINGS) is established to provide ongoing evaluation of Montana laws, services, and practices related to adult guardianship and conservatorship.

WINGS shall perform the following duties:

- Identify strengths and weaknesses in the state's current system of adult guardianship and conservatorship;
- Identify less restrictive decision-making options of persons for whom guardianship or conservatorship is sought;
- Review national standards on guardianship and conservatorship practices and recommend standards for adoption in Montana;
- Propose methods of training guardians and conservators in best practices or adopted standards;
- Recommend or conduct other outreach, education, and training as needed; and
- Serve as an ongoing problem-solving mechanism to enhance the quality of care and quality of life for adults who are or may soon be in the guardianship or conservatorship system.

The network consists of nine members. Members will be selected in a manner that reflects a geographic balance and will consist of representatives from the following entities:

1. Montana District Courts;
2. Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Adult Protective Services;
3. Advocacy group for individuals with developmental disabilities;
4. Advocacy group for senior citizens;
5. Professional guardian or conservator;
6. Unpaid guardian or conservator;
7. Member of a volunteer guardianship council;
8. Member of the Montana State Bar Association; and
9. Health care provider with experience in working with patients in need of a guardianship.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following are hereby appointed to WINGS for two-year terms, commencing on the date of this Order:

1. The Honorable Dan Wilson, representing the Montana District Courts;
2. Michael Hagenlock, representing the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Adult Protective Services;
3. Theresa Baldry, representing an advocacy group for individuals with developmental disabilities;
4. Susan Bailey, representing an advocacy group for senior citizens;
5. Cindy Nickol, representing professional guardians or conservators;
6. Dawn Larimer, representing unpaid guardians or conservators;
7. Jennifer Crowley, representing a volunteer guardianship council;

8. Erin MacLean, representing as a member of the Montana State Bar Association;  
and
9. Dr. Roman Hendrickson, MD, representing as a health care provider with  
experience in working with patients in need of a guardianship.

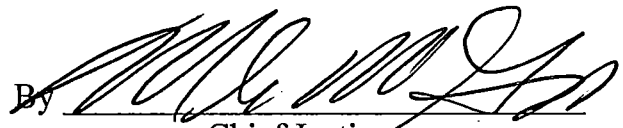
Judge Wilson shall serve as the Presiding Officer.

The State Law Library of Montana will provide administrative support for  
WINGS.

The Clerk is directed to provide copies of this Order to each member of WINGS,  
to all District Court Judges, to the State Law Library of Montana, and to the State Bar of  
Montana.

DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

For the Court,

By   
Chief Justice