

Minutes
Training Subcommittee of the Standing Committee
on Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child
in Family Matters
March 7, 2018

The Training Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters met in the second floor conference room located at 100 Washington Street, Hartford, CT, on March 7, 2018.

Those in attendance: Judge Elizabeth Bozzuto (Chair); Ms. Liza Andrews, Policy Director, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Attorney Susan Hamilton (as designated by Attorney Christine Rapillo); Attorney Justine Rakich-Kelly

Also in attendance were Ms. Frances Wickstrom from the Child Protection Unit of the Division of Public Defender Services and Attorney Damon Goldstein and Mr. Samuel Bruder from the Judicial Branch's Court Operations Unit.

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 AM by Judge Bozzuto.

I. Review and Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Justine Rakich-Kelly and seconded by Judge Bozzuto. The minutes of the meeting held on January 10, 2018 were approved unanimously.

II. Update on Pre-Service Training for Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters

Susan Hamilton and Frances Wickstrom presented the other members of the Subcommittee with drafts of a training announcement and an online registration application that will be used to sign up for the pre-service training. The training announcement will be posted on the Division of Public Defender Services website in early April and registration would begin in early May. Damon Goldstein will check and see if the training announcement and a link to the online registration could also be posted on the Judicial Branch website.

There was a discussion among the Subcommittee members about the curriculum for the pre-service training. Faculty are available for all of the training topics. Susan Hamilton will get specific names for the staff at DCF who will be presenting on Child Development as part of training on Day 2. Liza Andrews provided the Subcommittee with an outline of what CCADV plans to cover on the topic of domestic violence. Sam Bruder provided the Subcommittee with an outline of what the Advisory Committee on Cultural Competency plans to

present on the topic of cultural competence. The Subcommittee members will work to get outlines from the rest of the presenters in advance of the next meeting.

This Subcommittee will need to meet again in late April to finalize the curriculum for the pre-service training so that the curriculum can be presented to the full Committee at a meeting that will be scheduled for early May.

III. Schedule of Future Meetings

This Subcommittee will meet again on April 25, 2018 at 9:30 am. The location of the meeting is to be determined.

Judge Bozzuto adjourned the meeting at 10:23 AM.