

# LCPD Meeting Minutes

Oct 5 23

Recorder: Mitchell

Minutes:

**Roll Call:** Mitchell, Gina Pola, Janet Wade, Marian Furst, Constance, Mary Uri, Janis Ferre, Lisa Thornton, Rick McFadden, Tina Persels, Stephanie Roach, Shannon Wilkins, Rich Foster, Linda Hansen, Kari Teague, Jennifer M, Anneli Smith, Aubrey Snyder, Matthew Wappett, Esperanza Reyes, Ashley Donham, Farah Edwards, Anita Bennett

Welcome

Introductions

Concerns:

Caregiver Compensation Policies and Implementation

- DSPD representative was unable to attend.
- Ashley Donham asked for the link to submit comments of the compensation act. It was put in the chat.
- An issue with the act is problems finding a caregiver.

Guardianship – Lisa Thornton

- Guardianship bill of rights. Code 755301.5. Lisa formed a coalition. The goal is to make some changes to the bill. Many different organizations would like this bill to be reviewed at. Our goal should be to approach the state legislature with collected concerns. The current bill effects children with disabilities and their parents unnecessarily. Legislators should be informed of the ramifications of the bill on the disabled. The bill could be amended in a number of ways, also a new statute could be created for the severely incapacitated separately. Old guardianship orders should not be affected.

- Lisa and Anneli met with a judge on the decisions bill and suggested changes in language. The concern is for people who have already been determined to make unreasonable decisions, all they need to do is enter an agreement. These people could be greatly taken advantage of. Must be limited.
- Tina Persels asked if the bill could make previous guardianship null and void. Lisa said most likely no, but there are still dangers of losing benefits for adult child.
- One of the things Anneli asked them to add was a provision that said they could not harm themselves.
- Anita B pointed out there is no scientific evidence that all people are competent enough to make decisions.
- Caregiver Compensation:

[Caregiver Compensation Feedback Form \(google.com\)](#)

## Voting

- Janis reminds us all to vote when we can.

## Round Table

- Students with disabilities will be hit very hard by any reduction in disability services spending. Jennie would like us to consider backing the effort to expand the funding of special ed services. Janet gave her support.
  - Early intervention programs need increased funding. They are falling behind.
- Rich Foster mentioned there will be a webinar next week for the American Society on Aging on in home care funding.
- **Save the Date for the Legislative Reception is on January 25<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 6:00 PM**
- Parking at the Capitol may be difficult. Jan will keep an eye on the situation.

Adjournment.