Public Guardian

Kiranjit Phagura – Public Guardian

Program Description

Under the jurisdiction of the Superior Court, the Yuba County Public Guardian/Conservator provides mandated conservatorship and estate services for the elderly and individuals with disabilities within the community, as specified by the Probate and Welfare and Institutions Code.

Accomplishments

FY 2020-2021

- Maintained strong partnerships with community organizations
- Monthly collaboration with Sutter County Public Guardian and Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health Case Management staff
- Quarterly meeting with Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health, Psychiatric Emergency Services management staff
- Established a good working relationship with County Court Investigator and Yuba County Public Defender’s Office
- Deputy Public Guardian On-Call at least two weeks per month or as needed
- Attended all training offered by PA/PG/PC association
• Attended or participated in care conferences to discuss progress, issues/concerns, and appropriate placement of conservatees
• Increased funding through local resources
• Adhered to the County’s Strategic Plan

Performance Measures
FY 2020-2021

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COMMENTS: Other referring agencies include care homes, VA, State Hospital, and Jail.

Abbreviations:
PRO – Probate
LPS – Lanterman-Petris Short
HOSP – Hospital
APS – Adult Protective Services
MH – Mental Health (Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health)
MD – Medical Doctor

Goals and Objectives
FY 2021-2022

• Utilize affordable training opportunities to enhance staff skill level
• Maintain partnership with community organizations and businesses
• Eliminate barriers to least restrictive placement for conservatees
• Work with Multidisciplinary Team for outreach and agency collaboration
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- Continue to attend training to meet PA/PG/PC requirements
- Face-to-face visits with all conservatees
- Advocate, assist, and support conservatees in returning to independent living, if appropriate
- Avoid long-term institutionalization by evaluating placement appropriateness in six months or within a year
- Meet with Yuba County Public Administrator to discuss processes

Pending Issues/Policy Considerations
FY 2021-2022

None