

# Legislative Task Force on Guardianship

## Meeting 1 Summary Notes

Updated March 5, 2025

Meeting date: February 26, 2025
Meeting time: 9:30-11:30a
Attendance options: in person (Wilder Center) and virtual (Zoom)

### Meeting Summary

* Minnesota Council on Disability and Wilder Research welcomed everyone
* Wilder Research provided overview of Task Force directives
* Wilder Research reviewed agenda and group norms and practices for hybrid meetings
* Task Force members introduced themselves and their connection to guardianship
* Wilder Research reviewed Task Force process and timelines and suggested subcommittees
* Wilder Research prompted small group discussion about priorities for the Task Force; report back from each group about what they discussed:
	+ “Being person-centered, not using cookie cutter policies.”
	+ “Supporting current guardians, both professionally and being person-centered. How are they supported and how are they supporting who they are guardian over?”
	+ “Finding ways to help people stay in their communities and make sure guardianship is only used when necessary.”
	+ “Brainstorming ways to make guardianship happen less often, putting up more structural barriers, giving judges more options.”
	+ “Fewer and better guardianship experiences.”
* Wilder Research closed out meeting, thanked Task Force members and observers

### Attendance Record for Meeting 1

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| Task Force member | Meeting 1 attendance |
| Cindy Hagen | Yes, online |
| Darlene Zangara | Yes, online |
| Dawn Bly | Yes, online |
| Erica Alley | Yes, online |
| Heather Kainz | Yes, online |
| Heidi Hamilton | Yes, online |
| Lynn MacDonald | Yes, online |
| Megan Thomas | Yes, online |
| Scott Dibble | Yes, online |
| Aisha Elmquist | Yes, in person |
| Anita Raymond | Yes, in person |
| David Lutz | Yes, in person |
| Emily Weichsel | Yes, in person |
| Genevieve Gaboriault | Yes, in person |
| Jennifer Giesen | Yes, in person |
| Kristine Sundberg | Yes, in person |
| Lisa Antony-Thomas | Yes, in person |
| Nikki Villavicencio | Yes, in person |
| Nora Ulseth | Yes, in person |
| Sandra Feist | Yes, in person |
| Amanda Vickstrom | Substitute attendance (Marit Peterson) |
| Bonnie Jean Smith | No |
| Cathy Chavers | No |
| Danny Nedeau | No |
| Jessica Timmington Lindstrom | No |
| Kevin Gerdes | No |
| Michael Kreun | No |