



ELDER ABUSE TASK FORCE

INITIATIVES

- ☐ Require professional guardians to become certified (including minimum training, professional standards, bonded).
- ☐ Change the accounting form filed annually requiring the judge to sign an attestation that he/she reviewed it and finds it meets the fiduciary standard.
- ☐ Adopt the standard investigation form for vulnerable adult investigation and include training for law enforcement, prosecutors Adult Protective Service workers and Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards academy.
- ☐ Review the process for emergency petitions for guardianship/conservatorship to require a full hearing with the ward present and medical testimony.
- ☐ Develop statutory basic rights for the family of the ward including notice and the opportunity to file *pro se* motions/documents, visitation, etc. Court to provide written opinions as to reasons a relative is not appropriate for guardian. Court to review every six months.
- ☐ Review process of guardian removal of the ward from the home. Must present court with written plan exploring all alternatives to removal; review of the sale of the ward's home and appraisal shall be required to accompany any purchase agreement.
- ☐ Limit the number of wards per guardian.
- ☐ Mandate reporting for financial institutions on suspected fraud/exploitation.
- ☐ Help develop local level multi-disciplinary teams.

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