

LISTENING TOUR

June 21, 2019

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Traverse Area District Library

McGuire Room

610 Woodmere Avenue

Traverse City, MI 49686

Phone: 231-932-8505

Attorney General Dana Nessel and Supreme Court Justice Megan Cavanagh are conducting a state-wide listening tour to identify additional issues the Michigan Elder Abuse Task Force should address.

State and county elder-care resource providers will also be present.

Doors open one hour before the start time.

For questions about accessibility or to request accommodations, please contact the Attorney General's ADA Coordinator, Mary Beth Seppala at 517-335-7625.

Two weeks advance notice is requested.



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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.
- Additional issues as identified on listening tour.

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