

I. **Discussion of COVID-19 Policies.**

- a. SCAO/Judicial/Denver Probate Policies – 30-day delay to hear guardianship petitions (reassess Mid-April)
- b. CO OPG Policy 7. COVID-19 Services Standards – see attached
- c. **Phase 1: Accept referrals**
 - i. Web site and CMS: I am meeting with Revisions after OPG Commission meeting. I hope that both can be completed “enough” within 2 weeks
 - ii. No pro se/in-person ability to assist with referrals
 - iii. Representative Payee/Colorado Fund for People with Disabilities – Steve Allen recommended to not spend money
 - iv. Considerations/barriers
 - 1. Accept individuals who have a Rep Payee in place
 - 2. Accept individuals who can be placed in a facility and facility agrees to be Rep Payee
 - 3. Incomplete referrals – OPG will only have remote ability to confirm information
 - 4. Main office phone line needs to be set up/connected
 - 5. Denver Probate Court 30-day delay to hear guardianship petitions (reassess Mid-April)
- d. **Phase 2: Appointment and initial 30 days**
 - i. Public Guardian to attend court appointment hearing
 - ii. Public Guardian to complete Initial client investigation and meeting/visit
 - iii. Public Guardian to complete Provider/IP investigation and meetings
 - iv. Considerations/barriers
 - 1. What policies will be in place regarding attending court hearings?

2. Public Guardian access to personal protective equipment (PPE) & Public Guardian safety
3. Access to client for initial client investigation and meeting – city policies, CDC recommendations, and facility policies
4. Facetime/Video conferencing/phone capabilities for facilities and/or clients, ability of client to communicate that way, possible refusal from client

e. **Phase 3: Ongoing maintenance**

- i. Public Guardian completes monthly client visits
- ii. Public Guardian completes regular Provider/IP meetings
- iii. Considerations/barriers
 1. See Phase 2 Considerations/barriers
 2. Can alternate between in-person and remote access to clients

f. Potential referrals to begin in April

- i. APS – self-neglect, mental health cases with placement secured or availability of in-home services
- ii. Denver Health – discharge/placement secured by SW
- iii. Rocky Mountain Human Services – secured group home placements
- iv. Considerations/barriers
 1. Discharge and Placement issues – are facilities accepting new patients/clients?
 2. In-home services issues – are services available?
- v. Will not accept homeless individuals or individuals from jail due to placement issue

g. 1 case/Public Guardian for safety/health reasons as well as ability to act as back up for ill or unavailable Public Guardian; potential for partner approach

- h. Is in-person client contact required? What if there is a time period when a client can't be visited, or health/safety confirmed by a Public Guardian due to city policies, CDC recommendations or facility policies or no access to PPE?
 - i. APS: issues with obtaining PPE and no longer conducting face-to-face client visits/meetings