

OPG Annual Review

12/21/2015

OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIAN

ANNUAL REVIEW

Client's first name:

A

Client's last name:

Client's date of birth:

Prepaid funeral/burial fund?

A - Yes

B - No

Funeral Home name?

Advanced directives?

A - Yes

B - No

Notes A is a full code.

Client address:

Town:

State:

VT

Zip:

Date of Court Order:

06/13/2013

Caregiver's first name:

Lori

Caregiver's last name:

A

Caregiver's Home Phone Number:

Provider Agency:

HCRS

Areas of Guardianship:

A - General Supervision

B - Contracts

C - Legal/Judicial

D - Medical/Dental

Type of Placement:

- A - Independent
 B - SLP/DH (Board/Room)
 C - NF Natural family (Private Home)
 D - RCH (Congregate)
 E - NH Nursing Home
 F - GH Group Home (Other)
 G - SA Supported Apartment

Guardianship actions in the past year:

See Notes

Notes I participated in monthly home visits for the first half of the year to monitor Anna's emotional and physical health while she continued to reside with her mother. I maintained frequent phone and email communication with her service coordinator and her father to keep abreast of events that were happening in Anna's life. In early June, Anna's health took a turn for the worse and she was placed on hospice at her home. April participated in caring for her mother at times but she was also overwhelmed by this event. Anna passed away peacefully at home on June 22nd. I worked closely with Anna's service coordinator to update her needs assessment and develop a funding proposal so she could move into a shared living home. I interviewed several potential SLP's ultimately approving her move to Lori's home in Putney. I participated in the person centered planning process and the development of her ISA. I attended several medical appointments to monitor her general health. I attended her performance at the Theater Adventure Program in May. I participated in meetings with Anna's father and his lawyer to finalize paperwork for Anna's will and the trust she set up for Anna. I transported Anna home from a visit to Heartbeet in August. I maintained regular communication with staff at Heartbeet to remain up to date on the status of a potential opening at their community for Anna.

General Supervision:

See Notes

Notes The first half of this assessment period required a great deal of oversight and monitoring of her living situation with her mother. Anna continued to be quite controlling of Anna's day to day activities and secretive with myself and the service coordinator regarding Anna's medical care and overall well being. I maintained monthly home visits as well as frequent communication with the service coordinator, her father, Anna and various caregivers. Anna advocated with the team for the removal of the Care Trak device she had been wearing on her ankle. I approved the removal of the tracking device in March due to her ongoing efforts to manage her emotions in a safe, responsible manner. After Anna's passing in June, I maintained frequent communication with Anna and the various caregivers who supported her until a long term housing opportunity could be arranged. Anna moved into the home of Lori on a permanent basis in September. I met with Lori, Anna and the team to develop new ISA goals for her. Since moving into Lori's home she has had the opportunity to experience many new things in her life. Her father remains very active with her and is a regular participant at the majority of our team meetings. He has kept me abreast of the status of the establishment of the Medicaid Qualifying Trust. There have been glitches along the way but this should be in place soon. I received a call from Heartbeet in November notifying me of an upcoming opening at Heartbeet in February 2016. Anna was given the news and is very excited to begin her transition to this new life. I will continue to work with the HCERS team and Heartbeet to ensure everything is in place for this move.

Contracts:

I approved Anna's ISA and supporting documents. In addition, I signed releases for her to participate in craniosacral massage, art therapy and TAP activities.

Legal/Judicial :

I participated in meetings and signed documents with Anna's lawyer to finalize Anna's estate and the establishment of a trust for Anna.

Medical/ Dental :

See Notes

Notes Anna is a very healthy 25 year old woman who continues to be treated for a thyroid condition. While living with her mother her medical care was managed by Anna. When Anna passed away her service coordinator and I worked together to notify all of the practitioners of this news and established a clear line of communication related to the oversight of her care. I accompanied April and her SLP to an appointment at the audiologist at DHMC in order to have a better understanding of the needs related to her hearing impairment. There was much confusion that needed to be sorted out related to the number of practitioners who had been following Anna for this issue. April continues to visit the dentist quarterly to monitor gum disease. She has made great strides in her ability to brush and floss regularly. April's long time movement therapist retired. I signed consents for her to begin craniosacral massage. After the death of her mother I advocated for a therapeutic modality that would help her to express her feelings in a productive manner. She started participating in art therapy sessions with Eli Burke in September. Anna purchased a new pair of glasses recently.

Major changes of events in past year:

See Notes

Notes A's mother Anna passed away in June. She moved between a variety of caregivers and her father's home for two months until a permanent placement could be developed for her. In July she spent a week at Heartbeet on a trial basis to determine her interest in living there and compatibility with the other residents. She returned home very enthusiastic about the possibility of moving to Heartbeet permanently. A moved into the home of Lori in Putney in September. It was very important for A to continue to live close to the people and activities that she had been involved with prior to Anna's death. A and the team received word in November of an upcoming opening at Heartbeet in February 2016.

Availability of responsible adult for assistance in decisions: A - Yes B - No**Comments on Availability of responsible adult for assistance in decisions:**

See Notes

Notes A's mother passed away in June. Her father Luc had been very involved in her life but after Anna's death he became even more involved. He was very concerned about A's emotional well being and his presence in her life was very calming for her. He and his partner Trudy continue to be actively involved in team meetings and regularly visits them at their home in Massachusetts. Luc is in his 70's and while he remains an active part of her life, he is clear that he does not want to assume the role of guardian for his daughter. A will be moving to Hardwick in February and this will limit his physical involvement with her due to the distance from his home. Once A is settled in her new living environment a public guardian who lives closer to Hardwick should be assigned to more effectively monitor her overall well being in addition to her ongoing services and supports.

Recommendations for coming year: A - Terminate B - Modify C - Continue**Guardianship goals for coming year:**

See Notes

Notes Visit A monthly during this time of transition to monitor her overall health and emotional well being as she begins the next phase in her life journey. Work with Heartbeet and HCRS to ensure the necessary supports and services are put in place once she moves to her new community. Maintain communication with A, Luc and Trudy on a regular basis. Monitor the establishment of the Medicaid Qualifying Trust. Collaborate with Heartbeet staff to establish new medical practitioners to monitor her health issues.

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Program Director/Supervisor

Jackie Rogers

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12/31/2015

Assessment Narrative