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POLICY

Application

This policy shall apply to the programmatic supports and services of The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness.

1.0 Guardianship

1.1 Alternatives to guardianships shall be explored and utilized whenever possible prior to petitioning for guardianship.

1.2 The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness shall not petition for or otherwise cause the filing of a petition for guardianship unless there is sufficient reason to believe that such guardianship is of medical and clinical necessity to promote and protect the well being of the individual, including protection from neglect, exploitation, and abuse.

1.3 The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness shall fully inform family, friends, and concerned individuals of alternatives to guardianship as well as the guardianship petition process.

1.4 The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness shall petition the court to appoint a guardian only in the event that there are no available and willing family, friends or concerned individuals to complete the petition process.

1.5 Any petitions shall take into account the individual's strengths, needs and abilities, and shall be designed to encourage the development of maximum self-reliance and independence in the individual.

1.6 Guardianships shall be petitioned only to the extent necessitated by the individual's actual mental and adaptive limitations. Partial guardianship is the preferred form of guardianship for an individual.

1.7 Guardianship of consumers shall be reviewed annually for continued necessity.

References

Mental Health Code, PA 278, Chapter Six
Public Act 386 of 1998, Section 700.5303

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