

NO. C-1-PB-

IN THE GUARDIANSHIP OF	§	IN THE PROBATE COURT NO. 1 & 2
	§	
	§	OF
	§	
AN INCAPACITATED PERSON	§	TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Court Visitor's Report  
Pursuant to § 1054.104 of the Texas Estates Code

1. Name of Court Visitor:
2. Date and Time of Visit:
3. Location Where Visit Took Place:

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This Court Visitor's Report comprises a report of information gathered during the Court Visit, including Attachment A, in which the Court Visitor collected information from the latest annual report and followed up on issues raised, based on information gathered during the Court Visit.

Court Visitor's Report of Information from the Court Visit

If ward was unable to answer all questions, information was supplemented by

4. Living Conditions and Circumstances of the Ward
  - a. Individual bedroom is adequate size, sanitary, and well-lit?..... Yes No
  - b. Does the ward have his/her own bed? ..... Yes No
  - c. All living/eating areas are clean and well-lit? ..... Yes No
  - d. Fire exits/extinguishers are available?..... Yes No
  - e. Hot water is available? ..... Yes No
  - f. Residence has air conditioning/heating? ..... Yes No
  - g. Most areas are accessible to ward?..... Yes No
  - h. The ward has access and/or is allowed to and/or provided assistance with  
telephone television radio computer

Is there anything else the Court needs to know about the living conditions and circumstances of the ward?

5. Social Condition of the Ward
  - a. Is ward given opportunities to participate in planned activities, outings, and parties?  
Yes No
  - b. Does ward work, attend school, or attend a day care facility? ..... Yes No
  - c. Does ward have visitors?..... Yes No
  - d. Is social interaction encouraged?..... Yes No
  - e. Does the ward exercise regularly?..... Yes No
  - f. If the ward wants to go on trips, visits, etc., is transportation provided?  
Yes No
  - g. How often does the ward leave the residence?

Is there anything else the Court needs to know about the social condition of the ward?

6. Intellectual & Educational Condition of the Ward

- a. Is the ward oriented in time and space?.....Yes No Unknown
- b. Can ward read? .....Yes No Unknown  
If yes, is ward supplied with reading materials? Yes No
- c. Is the ward able to write? .....Yes No Unknown

Is there anything else the Court needs to know about the intellectual and educational condition of the ward?

7. Physical Condition of the Ward

- a. Is the ward? (check all that apply)
  - Able to communicate using voice
  - Able to communicate using nonverbal gestures
  - In bed most/all of the time
  - Able to walk without assistance
  - Able to walk with assistance (i.e., person, cane, walker, wheelchair)
- b. Any conditions that impede/prohibit communication? (check all that apply)
  - Hearing impairment                      Speech impairment
  - Unwilling to speak                      Unable to speak
  - Non-English speaking                      Unresponsive (comatose)
- c. Is the ward? (check all that apply)
  - clean    appropriately dressed    appropriately groomed

Is there anything else the Court needs to know about the physical condition of the ward?

8. Overall care. Based on your observations, do you believe the ward's overall care is  
Excellent    Good    Fair    Poor

9. Guardianship status (based on what you learned from your visit)

- a. Should the guardianship be continued?
  - Yes
  - No; less-restrictive alternatives are or may be available
- b. If "yes," do you believe the authority of the guardianship
  - should remain the same
  - should be expanded
  - should be limited
- c. Should the guardian continue to act on behalf of the ward? ..... Yes No

10. IMPORTANT. You, as the Court Visitor, serve as the independent eyes and ears of the Court. In this Report you are giving the Court a wide variety of feedback about the ward and the guardianship. Please highlight what you want to bring to the Court's attention in this box.

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11. Under penalty of perjury, I, May Ehresman, swear that I personally visited and observed the ward, on , I further swear that this report, including the information in the attachment, is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

May Ehresman\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Court Visitor

Attachment A: Following Up Information from the Latest Annual Report

[Note to the Court Visitor: Before the Court Visit, read the latest annual report and collect the indicated information under each of the numbered topics in this Attachment (12-15). During or after the Court Visit, please comment on each of the numbered topics, using the questions and explanations in the boxes to help you decide what information would be useful to report.]

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12. Visits by the Guardian(s)

- a. The last annual report was filed on During the year before that report was filed, guardian(s) visited the ward in person times. (annual report #4)
- b. The last time the guardian(s) personally visited the ward before the report was filed was on (annual report #4)
- c. The last time the guardian(s) personally visited the ward before the Court Visit was on (from Court Visit)

During and after the Court Visit: To the extent possible, assess whether the guardian visited the ward as claimed in the annual report. The purpose is not to verify a particular number of visits, but rather to assess, as possible, whether the guardian is maintaining sufficient contact with the ward as required by Texas law.

Please describe what you learned about the guardian's visits to the ward.

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If you were able to verify visits, describe how.

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If you were unable to verify visits, did you discover any information revealing whether guardian contacted the ward and/or the ward's care provider? If you did, describe how and the nature and frequency of the contact(s).

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13. Living Conditions and Circumstances of the Ward (annual report #5)

- a. Ward resides in
  - Own Home/Apartment alone or with other people)
  - Guardian's Home
  - Other Relative's Home (relationship

Nursing home/ Asst. Living  
Group Home  
Hospital / Medical facility  
State Supported Living Center (fka State School)  
Other:

- b. If a facility, the name of the place the ward lives:

During and after the Court Visit – if the ward is in a facility: If the ward is in a facility such as a state supported living center, state hospital, nursing home, or group home, describe the nature of the relationship between the guardian and the facility's care staff. For example, is the relationship amicable, hostile, indifferent, etc.? Are the guardian's views consistent with or consistently divergent from the facility staff's? Does the guardian follow the advice of medical professionals at the facility or consistently fail to follow that advice?

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14. Medical Care, Physical Health, & Mental Health

Before the Court Visit, the Court Visitor should read the guardian's responses to #10, #11, #12, and #14 in the last annual report and decide whether there are related issues to be assessed during the Court Visit. For example, if guardian lists no doctors or dentists in annual report response #10, you will need to ask why no medical or dental visits were made. If the guardian stated in annual report responses #12 and #14 that the ward's physical and/or mental health has deteriorated, you will want to ask the guardian to explain, and you may want to ask whether the deterioration in the ward's health is temporary or continual.

During and after the Court Visit: The Court Visitor's purpose in this part of the Report is to inform the Court as needed about any issues regarding the ward's physical and mental health and medical care. Texas law requires that guardians provide medical care for the ward, so verify as possible that the responses in the annual report are accurate. If they are not, or if any responses in the annual report raised any issues, follow up to get an explanation.

Other questions you may want to ask include: Has the ward's physical or mental condition improved since the annual report was filed? Are there any issues about the ward's physical or mental health or medical care that the guardian wants to bring to the Court's attention?

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#### 15. Guardian's General Assessments

Before the Court Visit, the Court Visitor should read the guardian's responses to #15, #16, and #17 in the last annual report and decide whether there are related issues to be assessed during the Court Visit. For example, if the guardian's responses in annual report #15 and #16 are that the ward's living arrangements are below average or that the ward is unhappy with the living arrangements, you will want to ask whether the guardian has sought to improve the ward's living situation – and then you will want to see whether the guardian's answers reflect what you observe on your visit.

During and after the Court Visit: The Court Visitor's purpose in this part of the Report is to inform the Court about any issues regarding (1) the ward's living arrangements, (2) the ward's contentment with the living situation, (3) the ward's unmet needs (if any), and (4) the guardian's general assessments of the ward's living situation, contentment, and unmet needs.

In addition to following up on issues raised in the annual report, observe whether the guardian is aware of the ward's current living situation and whether the ward's needs (food, shelter, medical) are being met. If the ward is not living with the guardian, does the guardian stay in contact with the care staff at the ward's residence to monitor whether the ward's needs are being met and the living arrangements are sufficient?

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