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LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF DD/DEEPWOOD

BOARD POLICY

Reviewed and Adopted by the Board: Date: August 22, 2022

Signature on File
Elfriede Roman, Superintendent

I. SUBJECT: GUARDIANSHIP

II. PURPOSE:

To establish a policy to determine an individual's capacity to make decisions and competence, or ability, to take care of his/her person, property, or both.

III. REFERENCE:

O.R.C. Chapter 2111.02 <u>Appointment of Guardian-Limited, Interim, Emergency, or Standby Guardian & Nomination</u>

<u>Guardianship in Ohio</u> – published by the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council

IV. POLICY:

Individuals are presumed to have the capacity to make decisions on their own behalf, unless and until a Court has made a determination otherwise and/or appointed a guardian. Even when an individual is judicially determined to need a guardian, individuals with developmental disabilities have the right to participate in decisions that affect their lives and to have their wishes considered. Therefore, Administrative Procedure, "Guardianship" will be followed to ensure consistent implementation of the process to determine an individual's need to be assessed for guardianship.

V. DISTRIBUTION:

Board Members All Management Staff LEADD President All Staff via Management

VI. REVIEWED:

8/22, 5/20, 5/18, 5/17, 5/16, 5/15, 5/14, 5/13, 5/12, 5/10, 6/08, 6/06