



Questions to Ask Guardians

What information should attorneys and prosecutors be obtaining from the member's guardian in court

The guardian's testimony will provide insight into the member's current living and medical circumstances with potentially additional insight into their history of non-adherence and their support system. The court should ask and understand what level of support that the guardian can offer the member during the AOT process.



The questions attorneys and prosecutors ask should allow the guardian's testimony will give insight into the member's history and current situation

1. Do you represent a guardianship agency? (If answer is no, ask #2)
2. What relation are you to the member?
3. How long have you been the member's guardian?
4. Does the respondent receive any entitlements (such as SSD, Medicaid/Medicare, EBT/SNAP benefits)?
5. Who is the mental health provider for the respondent?
6. Is there an AFC provider?
7. When is the last time the member was seen by their mental health provider?
8. When is the last time you saw the member?
9. How often do you see the member?
10. Have you met with the home provider (if applicable), the outpatient provider, and inpatient hospital treatment team to create a discharge plan for the member?
11. What supports have you or will you implement to ensure adherence with the mental health treatment order?
12. What specific symptoms are the member experiencing?
13. What treatment options have been explored in the past, and what has been the response to those treatments?
14. Have there been any challenges or patterns of non-adherence to treatment, and if so, what were the reasons provided by the member?
15. Have there been any environmental, social, or personal factors that have hindered the individual's ability to receive adequate treatment?