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Colorado Office of Public Guardianship Executive Director Report

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Purpose:

The Director Report will provide updates on new matters, the status of ongoing matters from the previous month, and the planned next steps for the upcoming month. The Director will distribute the report to all Board members in advance. Questions may be addressed during Board meetings as needed, and Board members are encouraged to contact the Director directly between meetings with any inquiries.

Report Agenda	Director Report Updates
COPG Monthly Budget	Mike Henthorn, OASIA Deputy Director, Budget, and Finance, provided the monthly summary as of 08/17/2026. See Attachment 1 .
Human Resources	1. COPG Staffing: All OPG staff have completed training and are able to take new cases. a. New OPG Positions: i. Guardian (4 th JD) – Ian Hendricks ii. Legal Assistant - Rosa Salas iii. Proposed: Intake Position to assist with referrals/Representative Payee: A bifurcated position from the guardian staff to support SSA RP needs for clients b. We have continued to retain all guardian staff
Website	a. Please provide a bio and picture for the OPG website



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	b. OPG has completed a review and bid for updating the website. It will include a new layout, easier navigation, a place for articles and news, and referrals.
Office of Administrative Services for Independent Agencies (OASIA)	a. OASIA has completed the OPG Compensation Study. You should have received an e-mail with the preliminary compensation study, for your review. This was a request from the Joint Budget Committee with the Governor's Office to be more competitive in compensation for any state employee. b. OPG and OASIA will be partnering to support legislative needs for agency growth.
Partnership Advancements and Wins	1. Executive Director McKeon has continued to focus on partnership building, and has completed the following since last board meeting: Partnerships: a. Partnership with the Public Defenders Office for accepting high-acuity competency cases. b. Guardianship Alliance – we are supporting any anticipated needs for GAC and have offered to support case transfer on a case-by-case basis. 2. Wins a. Juanita Tidwell has passed her exam and is nationally certified! b. OPG Article from Colorado Politics
Legislative Update	a. OPG is working to identify legislative initiatives over the next month. Legislative session returns in August to begin budget discussions and next year's initiatives. We are asking that the board provide feedback on those initiatives presented at the next meeting. i. Working Interdisciplinary Networks of Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS) with ELS of the CBA and Tyler Mounsey ii. Statute language cleanup for OPG for ability to support petitioners, filing



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	requirements, and public guardian limitations with APS iii. Professional Guardian Registration b. FY 27 budget – We will be submitting our request no later than August 2026 for the coming fiscal year. This will include the new positions, competency dollars, and existing funds. We will also be requesting a rightsizing of the guardian compensation.
Colorado OPG Board and Operating Policies Updated	Please note that board and Operating Policies are available on the OPG website: https://colorado-opg.org/opg-in-depth/ - Intake Eligibility, Prioritization, and Referral Process - Update on number of registered users, referrals, accepted cases, etc. as of 08.17.2026 - Active guardianships – 75 - Referrals accepted in process– 52 - Total after completed: 127 cases - Restored (Guardianship Terminated) - 2 (1 complete and 1 in process) - Competency Cases - 4 new - Training Update: OPG has reviewed all current training and has made an updated training/on boarding for new staff. Training will be completed over a 2 week intensive, with week three for job shadowing. - Standard Operating Procedures: OPG staff are working on a project to help develop SOPs for the office, including critical incidents, annual reports, client visits, MOST forms, court report, case notes and time tracking. - Data Collection Project: Grant is working on a project with OPG staff and Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) for data analytics and cost savings/diversion from public guardian services.