



## **Statewide Physical/Health Disabilities & TBI CoP Meeting**

**Monday, October 5th, 2020**  
**Keynote Topic**

### ***RETHINKING GUARDIANSHIP FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES:***

#### ***IS IT REALLY NECESSARY?***

Minnesota's Guardianship Statute has been modernized and updated with Gov. Walz signing SF3357 in May.


Commonly parents of children with developmental disabilities are encouraged to seek guardianship when their child is approaching age 18. But that may be an overly restrictive intervention. Learn how Supported Decision Making, a nationally recognized option, can maximize self-determination while acknowledging concerns related to vulnerability for people with disabilities. This keynote topic will discuss approaches to respond to vulnerabilities as well as tips for discussions with families considering guardianship.

#### **Objectives:**

1. Explore reasons why families are often encouraged to seek guardianship when their child with disabilities turns eighteen and how to address concerns.
2. Understand the benefits and potential downsides of guardianship, including MN law requiring time limited guardianships.
3. Describe decision making options for those with impaired decisional capacity, including supported decision making.

#### **Keynote Speakers**

**Anita Raymond**, LISW, CMC has a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Social Work. Anita is the Director of the Center for Excellence in Supported Decision Making and Care Management & Consultation programs at Volunteers of America MN. Anita is a Co-Convener of WINGS-MN (Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholders). She is also an Executive Board Member for the Minnesota Association for Guardianship and Conservatorship (MAGiC). In addition, Anita is an active participant in MN Elder Justice Center's partners group. She is a frequent presenter to community and professional groups on supported decision making, guardianship and alternatives; vulnerable adults and maltreatment, and dignity of risk.



**Jill Tilbury**, BS, is the Public Guardianship Administrator for the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). She has held this position for the past five years. Jill is also the DHS Liaison to the TBI Advisory Committee and Policy Lead for OBRA and Level II-DD. Jill has worked with individuals with guardianship and has also been a private guardian in her personal life. Jill has worked with people in the educational system and the social service system for the past 20 years creating and promoting individual success. Jill serves as a board member on both the Minnesota Association for Guardianship and Conservatorship (MAGiC) and on the Working Interdisciplinary Network for Guardianship Stakeholders (WINGS). Both organizations promote supported decision making and person-centered planning for individuals subject to guardianship.