Factors in WINGS Sustainability

Use Evaluation Results
- Consider process, outcome and impact evaluation to measure what WINGS does
- Use qualitative and quantitative data

Seek to make WINGS a Permanent or Ongoing Court-Based Multidisciplinary Entity
- In Idaho, the Guardianship and Conservatorship Committee is a permanent court entity.
- In Ohio, the Subcommittee on Adult Guardianship is a permanent entity under the Supreme Court’s Advisory Committee on Children and Families.
- In Nebraska, the Supreme Court has established a Commission on Guardianship and Conservatorship.
- In Nevada, the Supreme Court established a permanent Guardianship Commission.

Secure Support of Chief Justice/State Court Administrator
- In Maryland, the Court’s Guardianship/Vulnerable Adults Workgroup of the Maryland Judicial Council Domestic Law Committee had the consistent support of the Chief Justice, who made the issue a priority.
- In Texas, the State Court Administrator coordinated WINGS as reflection of his strong personal priority on adult guardianship reform.
- In Virginia, the Chief Justice recognizes WINGS (mentioned in State of the Judiciary) and appoints its members for specified terms.

Secure Legislative Support
- In 2017, Montana HB 70 created WINGS legislatively, and established its membership and objectives.
- In 2018, Kentucky HJR 33 recommended the creation of a Kentucky WINGS headed by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- In 2018, Oklahoma HB 3328 created a Commission on the Prevention of Abuse of Elderly and Vulnerable Adults, as an interdisciplinary group of stakeholders, with similarities to WINGS.
- In 2018, Alabama HJR 254 expressed the legislature’s full support of Alabama WINGS, and recommended that the WINGS steering Committee submit a yearly report on changes needed in adult guardianship and conservatorship law.

Create WINGS Stakeholder Expectations and Synergy
- Convene regular meetings
- Name a steering committee for planning
- Create defined working groups
- Ensure everyone is involved in tasks/groups
• Use technology, conference calls, email discussion lists to communicate regularly
• Recognize WINGS accomplishments; and those of its stakeholders

Collaborate with Other Justice/Advocacy Networks
• Elder justice networks focused on abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults or elders
• Access to justice commissions -- collaborative entities that bring together courts, the bar, civil legal aid providers, and other stakeholders to support civil justice for low-income and disadvantaged people.

Consider Whether WINGS Models Outside Court Might Work
• The Indiana Adult Guardianship State Task Force is a long-standing multidisciplinary advocacy group that can voice its concerns to policymakers.
• Missouri WINGS is based in the Developmental Disabilities Council, which hosts a broad-based group of stakeholders.
• North Carolina Rethinking Guardianship is supported by the NC Council on Developmental Disabilities, the NC Department of Aging and Adult Services and the UNC-CH School of Social Work.
• The Massachusetts Guardianship Policy Institute is based in the Guardian Community Trust and other entities.
• West Virginia WINGS is based in Legal Aid.
• Consider promoting creation of local WINGS, at least on a pilot basis.

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