



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Union County Guardianship Services provides guardians for adults who have been deemed incompetent by the court, and who do not have family or friends to fulfill this role.

STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total wards	19	20	18	16
UCBDD	12	15	11	10
Seniors	3	3	4	3
Mental Health	4	3	3	3
Active 12/31	17	15	15	11
Non-guardian cases	2	3	1	3
Client-months	215	194	189	143
UCBDD	124	129	110	105
Seniors	30	33	43	28
Mental health	48	32	36	10
Non-guardian	13			
Total hours	1230	1296	1459	1193
UCBDD	534	665	706	889
Seniors	398	338	345	216
Mental Health	230	253	408	88
Non-guardian	68			
Cost/Hour	\$50.61	\$45.39	\$48.11	\$57.07
Ave.hrs/mo/ward				
UCBDD	4.3	5.15	6.42	7.75
Seniors	13.2	8	8	7.7
Mental Health	4.8	10.5	10.5	8.8
Non-guardian	5.2			

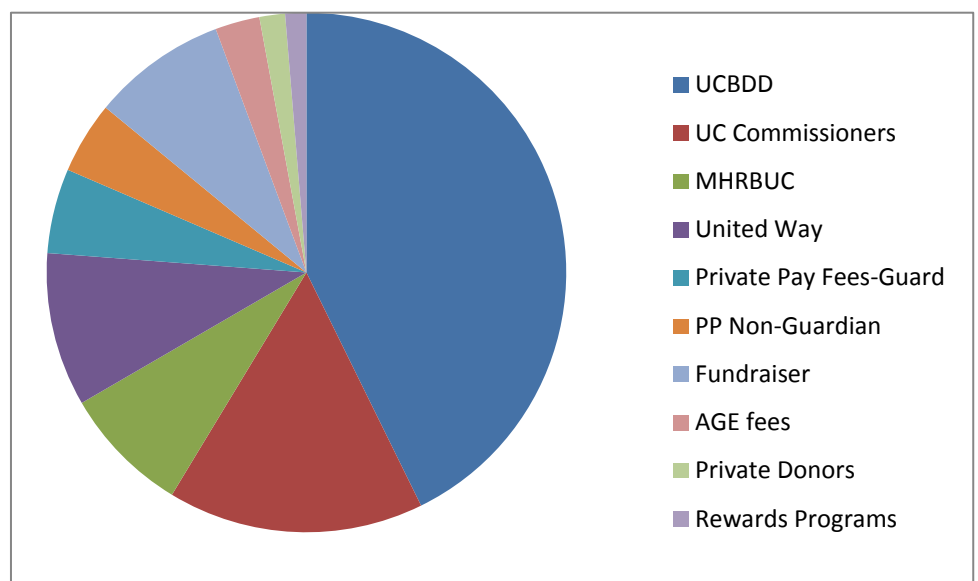
Client-Source	Client-Months	2018 Total Hours	Cost (including mileage)	Payment	% Caseload	% Income	Over/Underfunded
UCBDD	124	534	\$25,616.00	\$26,806.00	43.40%	42.67%	-\$1,190.00
Seniors*	30	398	\$18,606.00	\$15,178.54	32.30%	24.16%	\$3,427.46
Mental Health**	48	230	\$11,308.00	\$5,251.28	18.60%	7.90%	\$6,308.00
Non-guardian	13	68	\$3,471.84	\$2,809.11	5.50%	4.47%	\$662.73
TOTALS	215	1230	\$59,001.84	\$49,793.65	99.80%	79.20%	

*reflects \$10K from UC

**reflects \$5K from MHRB

Funding Source

UCBDD	\$26,806.00
UC Commissioners	\$10,000.00
MHRBUC	\$5,000.00
United Way	\$6,000.00
Private Pay Fees-Guard	\$3,309.00
PP Non-Guardian	\$2,809.00
Fundraiser	\$5,260.00
AGE fees	\$1,738.00
Private Donors	\$1,000.00
Rewards	\$822.00



NARRATIVE REPORT

FUNDING AND CASELOAD

The 2018 year end caseload increased by 2 clients, with a 10% increase in client-months. A total of 16 referrals were received, with four of those resulting in new guardianships for our agency:

- Mental health case, family member/guardian died, no other family available
- Senior recently placed in assisted living, court asked for agency guardian due to family conflicts
- UCBDD referral, aging client with no family, showing increased symptoms of dementia
- UCBDD/local attorney, aging family member guardian, experiencing memory issues and wants to relinquish guardianship

Two co-guardianships were dropped from our caseload with the family member remaining as sole guardian.

Of the referrals that did not result in guardianship with our agency:

- In four cases, family members either became or decided to continue as guardian
- In four cases, the individual did not meet criteria for incompetence
- In one case, an attorney was appointed as emergency guardian of estate
- In two cases, the individuals were placed in living situations outside of Union County
- One case is still pending as a possible case for UCGS

At the request of the court, we have provided supervision for selected family visits for two cases, one of which is ongoing.

The charts and pie graph on the previous page provide a financial snap-shot. Approximately 80% of our expenses are covered by payments by individuals or agencies on behalf of individuals. A little more than 20% of funds come from community organizations, individual donors and our private fund-raising efforts. The cost per hour of providing service went up slightly due to the necessary overlap and training time with staff turnover, and modest pay increases for staff.

STAFFING

Kim Wilson joined our team in March after the resignation of Shianne Niles. Shianne's cases were primarily reassigned to Kathy Jamison, giving her a total current caseload of eight. Kim picked up one of Shianne's cases and two new cases. Kim's experience in the court system as an investigator and in children's services make her a valuable addition to our staff. Both Kim and Kathy are willing to take on additional cases, and with nearly all of our referrals resolved, staffing appears to be sufficient as of this date.

Linda Fisher has three cases in addition to her administrative responsibilities. Melinda Stice and Sharon McFarlane continue on a semi-retired basis with one and two cases, respectively.

The Board has been notified of Linda Fisher's intention to retire at the end of 2019, and will be forming a search committee for her replacement.

ADULT GUARDIAN EDUCATION

Three sessions of the 6 hour "Fundamentals of Adult Guardianship" were scheduled, with the September session being cancelled due to lack of registrations. A total of 12 new guardians were trained in the remaining two classes. Three sessions of 3 hour continuing education classes were held. Fourteen individuals attended "Guardianship and Developmental Disabilities", 41 attended the locally-produced session on Substance Abuse, and 22 attended the December class on Government Benefits. A total of 61 individuals received training.

OUR SUCCESSES

- A young adult with severe autism became increasingly withdrawn from his day programming and had multiple episodes of violence resulting in property damage, self-injury, and aggression towards his caregivers. Working with representatives from UCBDD, the guardian was able to arrange for a temporary placement at Columbus Developmental Center where the individual is doing well with intensive staff support and peer models. The guardian continues to work with UCBDD and the provider company to prepare for the individual to transition back to his home in the community with increased supports.
- An aging man with life-long developmental disabilities began to show signs of dementia. He was initially reluctant to acknowledge his need for decision-making support, but was willing to accept Kathy Jamison as his guardian due to Kathy knowing him from her time working at UCBDD.
- A young man with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges had received little or no service from UCBDD because his mother cared for him at their home. When she passed away, his father was overwhelmed by the son's needs coupled with the needs of younger children still in the home. The young man's behaviors made it unsafe for him to be home alone with his younger siblings. The guardian was able to help the young man make the transition from living in the family home to a group home setting in the community, and continues to work with him to access UCBDD services and job training.
- A middle aged man with a history of hoarding was able, with the guidance and support of the guardian, to begin keeping his apartment cleaner and safer due to the efforts of the guardian to establish a trusting relationship. He no longer needs a bi-weekly housekeeping service, freeing more of his limited funds for discretionary spending.
- In celebration of the ward's 70th birthday, the guardian and her husband took a ward and his friend to Olive Garden, where the ward had worked as a dishwasher for 16 years. Several staff members at the restaurant recognized him and came to greet him. The restaurant manager comped his meal, although the guardian had been prepared to pay for it out of pocket. The ward has no family, and without the guardian, this milestone birthday would have gone unnoticed.

In every case, our goal is to maximize the quality of life of the individuals we serve. We work in close cooperation and collaboration with the Probate Court and community agencies such as Senior Services, the Board of Developmental Disabilities, and the Mental Health and Recovery Board. We appreciate the generosity and compassion of these agencies and our community at large as we seek to protect the rights and best interests of these who cannot protect themselves.