

**Far Northern Regional Center
Delegated Conservatorships Policy
November 4, 2024**

Delegated conservatorships are authorized by Health and Safety Code section 416.19 and occur when the Department of Developmental Disabilities is appointed as an individual's conservator and delegates the day-to-day conservatorship authority to the regional center serving the conservatee.

FNRC will assign a service coordinator to carry out the following day-to-day conservatorship duties.

1. Meet quarterly in-person with the conservatee
2. Inform conservatee about all decisions made by the Regional Center on their behalf
3. Coordinate with appropriate Regional Center staff or consultants any concerns about the conservatee's health, safety and well-being, violations of rights, satisfaction with current services and living arrangements and any need for additional services.
4. Support the conservatee in raising any concerns they may have
5. Support the conservatee's participation in the IPP meeting or other meetings as requested by the conservatee.
6. Assist the conservatee in resolving any concerns they may have about the conservatorship or their Regional Center services by informing them of the process to request assistance from the Department and/or referring them to other resources who may be able to assist them.
7. Provide information about the conservatee's preferences and needs as part of the comprehensive person-centered biennial assessment. Provide recommendations about the need for conservatorship, alternatives to conservatorship, and changes to the conservator's powers, and the availability of others who may be able to serve as conservator.

In order to mitigate conflicts for delegated conservatorships at FNRC an Associate Director of Client Service or their designee will do the following:

1. Complete a comprehensive person-centered biennial assessment of the conservatee's needs. The conservatee shall have the opportunity to participate in his assessment and to identify other individuals that should be contacted as part of the is assessment.

2. Provide the Department with monthly updates about any changes which impact the conservatee's health, safety, and well-being and changes to their services or service needs.
3. Maximize the conservatee's autonomy and supporting the conservatee in making their own decisions.
4. Inform the conservatee timely about all decisions the regional center makes on their behalf.
5. At each Individual Program Plan meeting, assess if there are services and/or natural supports that will assist the conservatee in becoming more independent, increase their decision-making abilities, and explore alternatives to conservatorship.
6. To avoid any conflict between the day-to-day conservatorship responsibilities and the delegated conservatorship responsibilities neither a conservatee's service coordinator, co-worker in the same unit, nor their supervisor will provide the delegated conservatorship responsibilities.

All staff that are providing day-to-day conservatorship services will receive annual training on conservatorships and the rights and responsibilities of a conservator. In addition, all staff will receive an annual training on alternatives to conservatorships.

Any conservatee or legal representative that is dissatisfied with FNRC's performance in carrying out its delegated conservatorship responsibilities will be directed to the Department of Developmental Disabilities Ombudsperson or the conservatorship liaison office.