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Lake County Board of Supervisors

Re: Patch Payment for TL

On September 13, 2016, TL was admitted to Sutter Lakeside Hospital emergency unit. TL exhibited mental health issues during her stay and the hospital requested that Lake County Public Guardian conserve her, as she could not be discharged due to her inability to take care of her basic needs. Because she requires psychiatric medications, the Lake County Public Guardian did not feel they could find placement for TL in skilled nursing or board and care facilities. Lake County Behavioral Health evaluated TL for possible LPS conservatorship, but denied her because she had history traumatic brain injury, dementia, as well as schizophrenia. Another evaluation was requested and TL was sent to Herrick Hospital in Berkeley, CA and again confirmed TL to have the previously stated diagnosis'.

Sutter Lakeside Hospital Social Worker, Nicole Bullock contacted this office to assist in searching for appropriate placement for TL. According to Ms. Bullock, TL would need to be under conservatorship before she could apply for placements. Under direction from Lake County Counsel, Public Guardian petitioned to become TL's conservator. Once TL was conserved, Ms. Bullock sent out applications to over 700 facilities statewide. More than half of those facilities denied TL because of her medical and psychological issues. TL has now been at Sutter Lakeside Hospital over 100 days at a daily rate of \$2,500.00.

Only three (3) board and care facilities accepted applications, with monthly rates at \$6,000.00 to \$7,000.00 out of pocket expense each month. Ms. Bullock did find one board and care facility, Amore, in Daly City that charges \$3,400.00 per month. If TL were to become a resident there, her social security would increase to \$1,014.00 to the board and care rate, leaving an out of pocket (patch) payment of \$2,386.00. The hospital will pay for the first month at Amore and Ms. Bullock will continue to assist the Public Guardian is locating a less expensive facility during that time.

As TL no longer has a medical need to be hospitalized and the surmounting cost for her care there, Public Guardian respectfully requests that the Lake County Board of Supervisors approve a patch payment of \$2,386.00 per month for TL so that she can receive proper treatment for her medical and psychiatric needs.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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Deputy Public Guardian