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You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following opinion and order:

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2018AP603-NM

In the matter of the guardianship and protective placement of  
G.H.B.: Roger A. Hegewald and Waupaca Cty. Dep't of Health  
and Human Servs. v. G.H.B. (L.C. # 2016GN22)

Before Sherman, J.

**Summary disposition orders may not be cited in any court of this state as precedent or authority, except for the limited purposes specified in WIS. STAT. RULE 809.23(3).**

Attorney Diane Lowe, appointed counsel for G.H.B., has filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2015-16).<sup>1</sup> Counsel provided G.H.B. with a copy of the report, and both counsel and this court advised him of his right to file a response. He has not responded. I conclude that this case is appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21. After my independent review of the record, I conclude there is no arguable merit to any issue that could be raised on appeal.

G.H.B. was originally given protective placement and placed under guardianship in 2016. The current appeal is from an order reviewing whether he continues to meet the standard for protective placement and be in the least restrictive placement. After an evidentiary hearing the circuit court found that G.H.B. continues to meet the standards for protective placement and is currently in the least restrictive placement.

Without attempting to review the evidence in detail here, the testimony from a facility nurse and a social worker was sufficient to establish by clear and convincing evidence that G.H.B. has a degenerative brain disorder that would make it difficult for him to live independently as he has requested. There is no arguable merit to this issue.

In addition, it appears that all required time limits were complied with.

Our review of the record discloses no other potential issues for appeal.

Therefore,

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<sup>1</sup> All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2015-16 version unless otherwise noted.

IT IS ORDERED that the order continuing protective placement is summarily affirmed.  
*See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Lowe is relieved of further representation of G.H.B. in this matter. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published.

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*Sheila T. Reiff*  
*Clerk of Court of Appeals*