

Child Support Advisory Committee Meeting

March 10, 2014, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)

By video conference and teleconference

Committee Members Present: Chair Zeophus (Zee) Williams, Irene Curran, The Honorable Judge Andrea Schleifer, Margaret Stapleton, Diane Potts, Margaret Bennett, Mike Moore by phone (designee for The Honorable Dorothy Brown), Richard Zuckerman by phone, Geraldine Franco (designee for Mike Vicars by phone), Juanita Sanders (designee for Secretary of the Department of Human Services Michelle Saddler), Erin Bognar, Nicole McKinnon, Beth Johnson, The Honorable Sidney Mathias, and the Honorable Judge Jay Ukena(by phone)

Committee Members Absent: The Honorable Patricia Bellock, The Honorable Kelly Burke, The Honorable Cynthia Soto, The Honorable Judge Pamela Loza, Dr. Ada Skyles and Sequane Lawrence

HFS Staff Present: Pam Lowry, Norris Stevenson, Gina Hemphill, Sharon Shapiro, Theresa Orozco, Mary Bartolomucci, Charlie Koonce and Joan Weiss

Public Guests: Mick Gerhardt, Casey Potter, Sheila Mannix, Aaron Erickson, John Delascio and Gwendolyn Chubb

- **Welcome and Introductions – Pam Lowry**
Pam Lowry welcomed meeting participants and spoke about Committee member appointments and reappointments. Zee Williams was unanimously selected to serve an additional one year term as the Chairman of the Child Support Advisory Committee.
- **Remarks by Chair – Zee Williams**
Zee and Pam did a formal roll call of all Committee members, had attending state employees introduce themselves and explained that all attending members of the public must sign in and may introduce themselves during the public comment portion of the meeting. December meeting notes were unanimously approved with no reservation.
- **Open Meeting Act Procedural Rules – Zee Williams**
The Committee agreed upon procedural rules to be used for the electronic attendance and attendance by other means and to be used for public comments under the Open Meeting Act. The adopted procedural rules are as follows:
 - *By procedural rule of the Child Support Advisory Committee, the meetings of the Committee shall be held jointly in Springfield and Chicago, at published locations, via the aid of videoconferencing equipment. Members may attend and vote telephonically if they are not located in either location and (if a quorum of members is in attendance at the Springfield and Chicago locations).*
 - *By procedural rule of the Child Support Advisory Committee, the Committee shall set aside a specific portion of each quarterly meeting for public comments. Public comments shall be limited to subjects on the meeting's agenda. The Committee may cut off a comment if it is irrelevant, repetitious, or disruptive. Reasonable time limits will be set upon the length of each comment. Members of the public who wish to comment do not have to sign up in advance of the meeting, but may if they wish.*

- **Responses To Questions Regarding Economic Schedules – Pam Lowry**
 In past committee meetings several questions arose surrounding the economic basis for the Income Shares Schedule. The answers to many of the questions may be found in the draft report, which is published on the HFS website. Pam noted that “these are not Dr. Venohr’s tables or numbers. There is no perfect methodology but the methodology used in this draft report and proposal has been found to be sound by the OCSE. The tables depict the norm using statistical data.” Several committee members mentioned that an overview was a good idea.
- **Update on 2010 Guidelines Review Legislative Drafting – Maggie Bennett**
 The drafting committee has met four times and has gone through the original draft. They hope to have a draft done in May. In preparation for this task, they have made a list of all child support statutes. The ISBA will provide the final product. There will be a meeting set up for all organizations to share drafting information. Erin will help to facilitate. Beth Johnson and Irene Curran will assist in getting this info out to the groups and partners.
- **Notification and Discussion: 2014 Quadrennial Guidelines Review – Zee Williams**
 Every four years the Committee conducts the required review. The current plan is for the quadrennial review required for 2014 to be performed at the December
- **Update on In Re N.C. – Diane Potts**
 Supreme Court case to be heard on 3/12/14. This case arose as a result of a father who signed a VAP being set aside after DNA testing in a DCFS case. The pertinent issue is whether the DNA testing should have been performed when a valid VAP existed and the parents objected to the testing. In this unusual case, two different arguments are put forward by the State – one for DCFS and one for HFS.
- **Public Comment**
 Zee opened the floor for public comment reminding everyone that the public comments must be limited to agenda items only. Sheila Mannix passed out handouts to Committee members and asked that “following up on Michelle Pierce be put into minutes”. An unidentified member of the public brought up Jane Venohr’s numbers and the algorithm used. The member of the public stated that “the question has been asked multiple times, but not answered”. Pam pointed out that the information that is being requested is in the report referenced earlier in the meeting. An unidentified member of the public stated that “Illinois should do what other states do, in considering not only what the child should get, but make sure that it is actually spent on child support.”
- **Closing**
 A thank you was extended to all committee members and attendees. Motion to adjourn.
- **Meeting Adjourned**