

# **Child Support Advisory Committee Meeting**

**April 6, 2015 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

## **Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)**

By video conference and teleconference

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Irene Curran, Zeophus (Zee) Williams, The Honorable Judge Andrea Schleifer, Margaret Stapleton, Margaret Bennett, Richard Zuckerman (by phone), Mike Vicars (for Geraldine Franco), The Honorable Judge Pamela Loza, Dr. Ada Skyles, Beth Johnson, The Honorable Kelly Burke (by phone) and Sequane Lawrence (by phone), The Honorable La Shawn Ford (by phone), Juanita Sanders (for DHS).

**Committee Members Absent:** The Honorable Patricia Bellock, Erin Bogner, The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Diane Potts, The Honorable Sidney Mathias, The Honorable Robert Martwick, Nicole McKinnon, The Honorable Donna Jo Vonderstrasse and The Honorable Cynthia Soto

**HFS Staff Present:** Pam Lowry, Gina Hemphill, Matt Farrell, Sharon Shapiro, Theresa Orozco, Ralph Abt, Roxy Schumann, Norris Stevenson, Yvette Perez-Trevino, Aaron Zivic, Bridgett Stone, Joan Weiss (by VC)

**Public Guests:** Sheila Mannix

- **Welcome to CSAC members on behalf of Director Felicia F. Norwood – Pam Lowry**  
Pam Lowry welcomed meeting participants and members of the public on behalf of Director Norwood and provided a brief biography of the Director.
- **Roll Call for Committee Members – Gina Hemphill**  
Roll call was taken for all Committee members. State employees and members of the public were asked to introduce themselves and sign in.
- **Approval of December Meeting Notes – Pam Lowry**  
One revision requested. The Honorable Judge Schleifer was reported on the December notes as attending the meeting in person. She actually attended by phone. Approval of the notes was recommended as amended. Meeting notes were unanimously approved.
- **Welcome and Brief Introduction to CSAC for New Members – Pam Lowry**  
The possibility of selecting a different meeting schedule for this year was discussed. Starting in October we will continue having the CSAC meetings quarterly unless an additional meeting is needed, on the third Tuesday of the months designated for meetings. This was voted on by the committee members and the majority voted to adopt the new schedule.
- **Election of New Chair – All Committee Members**  
Pam Lowry nominated Irene Curran for chair. Discussion of the nomination was held. Request for additional nominations was made. No additional nominations were forthcoming from members. A vote was held. Majority voted yes to adopt Ms. Curran as chair. Irene Curran was welcomed as the new chair for the Child Support Advisory Committee.
- **IV-D Update – Pam Lowry**
  - **Legislative Updates:**
    - HB3898** Adopts mandatory change to Income Withholding form.
    - HB3512** Adopts UIFSA 2008 as mandated.
  - **Questions of Quarterly Statistics:**  
Committee members reviewed the statistics handout. Discussion was held relevant to the change in caseload size. HFS is reviewing.

- **Brief Discussion of HB3982 – Replace Percentage of Obligor Income child support guidelines approach with Income Shares – Maggie Bennett**

Note: Agenda inadvertently referenced incorrect bill number. Correct bill number is HB3982.

Drafting group believes that HB3982 represents one of the best legislative approaches to guideline in the nation. Bill appears to be looked upon favorably overall, at this time. However, it will probably not be subject to a vote in the General Assembly until next year, in order to gather input from interested individuals and groups. It is noted that some have expressed concern about changing to a model that applies the combined income of the parents rather than the income of only one parent and some have expressed concern about the threshold for application of shared parenting time provisions.

- **Deviation Questions – Yvette Perez-Trevino & Roxy Schuman**

Answers were provided regarding questions from previous meeting. Ms. Schumann provided a layman's definition of deviations and Ms. Perez-Trevino offered a positive response to the question of whether judges currently understand and apply the deviations criteria and requirements.

- **Selection of Topics for CY2015 Committee – Guided Discussion**

Committee members have suggested that the Committee needs to address some new topics. Potential new topics were suggested and discussed. Members wished for additional time to consider. A decision was made to publish a survey to members via email. The results of the survey will be shared with the Committee to assist in their further discussions.

- **New Business – Committee Members**

Margaret Stapleton discussed SB730. This bill would increase the monthly child support pass through maximums from \$50 to \$100.00 for one child and \$200.00 for two or more children.

- **Public Comment –**

Dr. Sheila Mannix, a member of the public, offered her comments on agenda item #4. Dr. Mannix asked for clarification regarding Geraldine Franco and noted that the information included on the HFS website under CSAC Committee Members is not correct. Dr. Mannix further wished to discuss items previously brought forward and not relevant to the meeting agenda. The Chair declined to entertain these comments.

- **Closing**

A thank you was extended to all committee members and attendees. Motion to adjourn was offered and approved.

- **Meeting Adjourned**