

Child Support Advisory Committee Meeting

June 9, 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 & Kelly Smeltzer (designee for The Honorable Dorothy Brown), Richard Zuckerman (by phone), Mike Vicars W/ Geraldine Franco, Juanita Sanders (designee for Secretary of the Department of Human Services Michelle Saddler), Nicole McKinnon, The Honorable Sidney Mathias, The Honorable Judge Kelly Burke, The Honorable Judge Pamela Loza

Committee Members Absent: The Honorable Patricia Bellock, The Honorable Cynthia Soto, Dr. Ada Skyles, Erin Bognar, Beth Johnson, The Honorable Judge Jay Ukena, and Sequane Lawrence

HFS Staff Present: Pam Lowry, Norris Stevenson, Gina Hemphill, Sharon Shapiro, Theresa Orozco, Ralph Abt, Mary Bartolomucci, Charlie Koonce, Yvette Perez-Trevino (by phone), Roxy Schumann

Public Guests: Mick Gerhardt, Casey Potter, Safiya Felters, Lauren Schroeder, Len Wanggr and Ron Alber

- **Welcome and Introductions – Pam Lowry**
Pam Lowry welcomed meeting participants and explained that the CSAC meeting, from this point forward will be recorded.
- **Remarks by Chair – Zee Williams**
Zee had all committee members, state employees and members of the public introduce themselves. June meeting notes were unanimously approved with no revisions. Introduced Maggie Bennett for update on the Guideline Review.
- **Update on Guideline Review – Maggie Bennett**
The subcommittee meets nearly once per week. They are making great strides and are about finished with a definition for business income. They hope to have a draft completed soon.
- **Update on In Re N.C. – Diane Potts**
Supreme Court case was 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. The Attorney General's office moved to intervene. The argument went very well regarding the clear language of the parentage act.
- **Legislative Updates – Pam Lowry**
In session this year there are a number of cases that HFS was monitoring.
SB640 - Passed both chambers. Prevents charging of fees for cash withdrawals from Eppic card accounts.
HB 1243 – This is the Parentage Act of 2013. Retained in the House.
HB1452 – Rewrite of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. This passed the House and was amended in the Senate.
SB3216 - The FFHC worked very hard on this bill. It would have increased the pass through amount for TANF recipients. It passed in the Senate but did not pass in the House.

SB3231 – This bill changes the way that maintenance is viewed in that it will now be viewed as a deduction to income for setting child support. This passed both chambers and is going to the Governor.

HB4124 – Related to the rewrite of the IMDMA, included the 35% parenting time presumption. It passed the House but not the Senate.

HB4333 – Regarding parentage, it looked at the way Administrative paternity orders are challenged. Retained in the House.

HB4358 – Incarcerated parents modification bill. Retained in the House.

HB4380 – This would have changed the “born out of wedlock” to “non marital child”. This passed the House but did not pass the Senate.

HB4576 – Employment study of child support. This passed out of the House but not the Senate.

HB5641 – This would have amended the non support punishment act and would have reduced the threshold amount of arrears from \$20,000 to \$15,000. Retained in the House.

HB5865 – Paternity challenge, related to HB4333. Retained in the House.

HB5991 – Addressed children over the age of 19 but under 22, who are still in high school and that receive special education services. Retained in the House.

- **New Business -**
 - Special software (Extranet) that links, in a very limited way, clerks to the SDU, SDU to KIDS. This would be a new electronic document system. This would be a way of looking at data so that courts can see the data the same way around the nation.
- **Key Performance Quarterly Review – Pam Lowry**
Information provided and floor opened for questions
- **Public Comment –**
 - When will we expect draft legislation on Income Shares? Answer: It is moving along. Once it is in correct draft form and has been approved by the ISBA, AG's and HFS then we can move forward. We will then have to find a sponsor. January is the earliest that it could be introduced.
- **Closing**
A thank you was extended to all committee members and attendees. Motion to adjourn.
- **Meeting Adjourned**

