

Child Support Advisory Committee Meeting

December 8, 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, Kelly Smeltzer (designee for The Honorable Dorothy Brown), Richard Zuckerman (by phone), Geraldine Franco (designee for Mike Vicars, by phone), Nicole McKinnon, The Honorable Sidney Mathias, The Honorable Judge Pamela Loza, Erin Bognar (by phone), The Honorable Donna Jo Vonderstrasse, Dr. Ada Skyles, Beth Johnson (by phone), The Honorable Judge Kelly Burke (by phone), Margaret Stapleton and Sequane Lawrence

Committee Members Absent: The Honorable Patricia Bellock, Michelle Saddler, and The Honorable Cynthia Soto

HFS Staff Present: Pam Lowry, Gina Hemphill, Sharon Shapiro, Theresa Orozco, Ralph Abt, Roxy Schumann, Joan Weiss, Norris Stevenson, Shannon Stokes, Mary Bartolomucci

Public Guests: Tony Hernandez, Michelle Pierce and Sheila Mannix

- **Pre-Meeting Notice to Members**
Committee members were advised that a member of the public would be videotaping the meeting. Offer was made that members who might not wish to be videotaped for security or any other reason had the opportunity to withdraw from the meeting. None did so.
- **Welcome and Introductions – Pam Lowry**
Pam Lowry welcomed meeting participants and members of the public.
- **Remarks by Chair – Zee Williams**
Committee members and state employees introduced themselves at the request of the Chair. September meeting notes were unanimously approved without revision.
- **Ethics Training (HFS Office of General Counsel)**
Shannon Stokes of the HFS Office of General Counsel addressed the committee to explain the Ethics Training Information.
- **Review of Activities since 2010 Quadrennial Review of Guidelines for Setting of Child Support Awards – Pam Lowry**
Review included the original recommendation, the subsequent creation of workgroups, the reports submitted by the workgroup, the discussions regarding whether the income basis should be net or gross income, drafting of the legislative proposal by the ISBA with participation by CSAC and HFS and now submission to LRB. Review accepted by Committee.
- **Presentation of Deviation Report – Pam Lowry**
Provided report to Committee for review and discussion. Committee requested information about judge's willingness to use deviation factors requested and assigned to Yvette Perez-Trevino to be discussed at a later date. Committee requested a laymen's description of the factors and assigned to Roxy Schumann to be discussed at a later date. Report accepted by the Committee.
- **Consideration of Economic Data on the Cost of Raising Children – Pam Lowry**
HFS reported that an updated economic analysis had been completed since the 2010 recommendation, and recommended that additional analysis be deferred until the legislative proposal to adopt income shares was debated in the General Assembly. If the legislation is adopted, an updated economic analysis would be included in implementation. If the proposal is not adopted, the Committee would need to reconvene and consider alternatives. In either case, updating the analysis at this time would be an inefficient expenditure of state dollars. HFS asked

the Committee to accept this report and recommendation as the required discussion of economic data. HFS noted that this approach had been approved by the OCSE Regional Office as sufficient given the present status of the legislative proposal. Report and recommendation was accepted by Committee.

- **Update of Income Shares Legislative Proposal – Maggie Bennett and Judge P. Loza**
The Legislative Reference Bureau draft has been completed but has not yet been approved by the Illinois State Bar Association. The goal of this drafting effort has been to draft equitable legislation. Income Shares is seen as the best alternative for multiple families and for treating all people equally. It was noted that the draft legislation will supersede the “first in time” case law presently governing multiple family awards in Illinois. There was discussion regarding offering a meeting between members of the General Assembly and/or their staff and advocates of the bill, to explain the bill. Members recommend that an informational hearing is needed before the committee votes. Once a sponsor accepts the bill, this will be something that is discussed with the sponsor.
- **Resolution and Vote by the CSAC on Recommendations to the Director of HFS – Committee Members**
The Committee resolved to renew the 2010 recommendation and affirm the actions taken since that recommendation as the 2014 quadrennial review recommendation. It was noted that all policies and recommendations will need to be reviewed by the new HFS Director.
- **New Business - None**
- **Public Comment –**
 - Member of the public asked questions about the Deviation Report and was referred to the federal regulations addressing analysis of deviations.
 - Member of the public asked several questions, including parenting time, IV-D caseload, and what other reviews this Committee undertakes. The member of the public was advised that the Committee advises the IV-D program management, that the IV-D program does not include authorities related to parenting time, that the present IV-D caseload was just under 500,000, and that questions needed to be relevant to the agenda.
- **Closing**
A thank you was extended to all committee members and attendees. Motion to adjourn.
- **Meeting Adjourned**

*****NOTE: This meeting was not recorded due to an equipment malfunction.*****