

Child Support Advisory Committee Meeting

September 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 (via Springfield video conference), Geraldine Franco (designee for Mike Vicars), Juanita Sanders (by phone designee for Secretary of the Department of Human Services Michelle Saddler), Nicole McKinnon (by phone), The Honorable Sidney Mathias, The Honorable Judge Pamela Loza, Erin Bognar, The Honorable Cynthia Soto, The Honorable Donna Jo Vonderstrasse, Dr. Ada Skyles (by phone) and Casey Potter (designee for Beth Johnson)

Committee Members Absent: The Honorable Patricia Bellock, The Honorable Judge Kelly Burke and Sequane Lawrence

HFS Staff Present: Pam Lowry, Gina Hemphill, Sharon Shapiro, Theresa Orozco, Ralph Abt, Charlie Koonce, Roxy Schumann, Joan Weiss, Christine Towles

Public Guests: Tom Kruk, Michelle Pierce and Sheila Mannix

- **Welcome and Introductions – Pam Lowry**
Pam Lowry welcomed meeting participants and members of the public
- **Remarks by Chair – Zee Williams**
Zee had all committee members and state employees 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**
Update on guidelines legislative drafting, which was essentially that the language is at LRB for drafting. There is not yet a sponsor. Rep Kelly Burke okay'd sending to LRB but there isn't a final agreement on sponsorship. The ISBA Family Law Council hasn't yet voted on the proposal. They will do that after it is put in LRB format. The CSAC will receive a copy of the LRB draft and we will schedule a special telephone meeting for comments, possibly in October.
- **Lake County Pilot – Christine Towles**
The Department of Healthcare and Family Services is working to modernize the child support case management system to make it easier to access and administer child support services across the state. The goal is to help custodial parents get child support payments faster. One important component of this effort is the Court Order Interface Project, a collection between the Illinois Division of Child Support Services and County Circuit Court Clerks to electronically exchange court order data. The current system relies on paper records and manual processing. By modernizing the technology, organizations will be able to exchange information electronically to expedite child support orders, reduce redundant data entry and improve data accuracy. The Court Order Entry Project is being piloted in Lake County, and six additional counties have been selected for phase one. Implementation will roll out county-by-county until the project is live statewide, and every county is using efficient, cost-effective electronic information exchanges.
- **New Business - Pam Lowry**
 - We received an email from a member of the public over the weekend. The public commenter asked that her written statement be copied and distributed. Because the statement discusses an individual case and individual persons, it is not appropriate for distribution or publication.

- The Committee members and HFS staff have empathy for parents who are embroiled in contentious custody matters. We understand how very painful these matters can be. However, custody determinations are subject to the finder of fact in a judicial setting. This Committee advises HFS on child support policy. Further, the Agency has no oversight or authority of the judicial branch of government. The topic addressed in the public comment is not relevant to this Committee's work or agenda. Thus, the commenter will not be called upon to deliver oral comments, per the rules of the Committee.

The Committee encourages public comments that are related to the agenda, are relevant to the work of the Committee, and are not case specific.

- **Key Performance Quarterly Review – Pam Lowry**

- Information provided and floor opened for questions. A question was asked regarding interstate cases. Answer: As of August 2014, the Illinois IV-D program has asked other states to assist on 13,970 cases and is responding to other states' requests on 40,744 cases. Total interstate caseload is 54,714 cases (just over 11% of the IV-D caseload).

- **Public Comment –**

- Member of the public asked if the Quadrennial review will take place in the regular quarterly meeting or if there will be a special meeting scheduled. Answer: At this time we are planning to do the Quadrennial review at the scheduled quarterly meeting in December. If that changes we will post the meeting information on the web site.
- When will we expect draft legislation on Income Shares? Is there a set date for possible completion? Answer: A timeline for this was addressed at the last meeting.
- A question was asked regarding paying college tuition for children. Answer: It was suggested that the members of the public look up HB1452.

- **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.*****