

Child Support Advisory Committee Meeting

August 20, 2024, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)

WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present via WebEx/Phone:

Darryl Apperton, Margaret Bennett, Howard Feldman, Geraldine Franco, Dr. Kirk Harris, Elizabeth Lingle, Christina Mahoney, Turiya Clay (for The Honorable Iris Y. Martinez), Nicole McKinnon, Jessica Patchik, Juanita Sanders (for Secretary Dulce Quintero), The Honorable Judge Regina Scannicchio, Chlece Walker-Neal-Murray, Richard Zuckerman

Committee Members Absent:

Trent Cameron, The Honorable Grace Dickler, The Honorable La Shawn Ford, Niya Kelly, The Honorable Judge Pamela Loza, The Honorable Judge Alana Mejias, Phillip Mohr, Christine Raffaele, Vickie Smith, The Honorable Judge Alicia Washington.

HFS Staff Present:

Heather Austif, Carrie Benson, Irene Curran, Celeste Kannall, Steve Minder, Sharon Shapiro, Christine Towles, Bryan Tribble, Eric Watson

Public Guests:

Alyssa Broxton (for Clinton Boyd, Executive Director Fathers, Families and Healthy Communities)

- **Welcome CSAC members** - Richard Zuckerman, Chair
- **Roll Call of Committee Members** - Richard Zuckerman
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 - Introduction of state employees present at the meeting.
 - Attendees from the Public asked to announce themselves.
- **Approval of the May 21, 2024, meeting notes** - Richard Zuckerman
 - Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously.
- **Spring 2024 Legislation**- Richard Zuckerman
 - Update on Status passed legislation.
 - HB4351 (PA-103-0671) effective date 01/01/2025
 - HB3284 (PA-103-0957) effective date 01/2025
 - HB3367 (PA-103-0984) effective date 08/09/2024
 - Descriptions of the bills are available on the Illinois General Assembly website www.ilga.gov by public act number.
- **Subcommittee Reports**
 - Shared Parenting-Howard Feldman and Margaret Bennett
 - Discussion and vote on subcommittee recommendation to adopt a modified version of the Maryland/Vermont approach to the parenting time adjustment calculation.

- Howard Feldman recapped the investigation into what other states were doing and the work the subcommittee performed over the last two years including reviewing Maryland, Oregon, Minnesota and Indiana, and several other states to see how they were handling it. Through assistance from Irene, met with officials and lawyers involved with the process in a number of those states.
 - Margaret Bennett reported that the conclusion, after two years, is a modified version of Maryland/Vermont formula that continues to utilize the same cross credit formula that we currently have with minor adjustments.
 - The committee felt that it was important to reduce the threshold from 40% to 30% of overnights changing the threshold and requirements to begin at 110 overnights, per year, of each parent's parenting time.
 - Margaret Bennett mentioned that this eliminates the cliff and the adjustment is minor between 110 overnights and 146 overnights.
 - Dr. Jane Venohr prepared graphs and examples for the subcommittee that worked very well with our guidelines. Other formulas did not interface with our new schedules. This interfaced well, was fair, equitable, and helped the parties, judges, attorneys, and litigants.
 - There have been lots of data, over 5,000 to 7,000 case scenarios have been looked at, comparing all these states with different payor and payee scenarios. This is by far the best formula we have come up with and believe it will resolve most problems.
 - We had heard at 37 town hall meetings about the cliff and the effect on both the payor as well as the child support recipient.
 - Howard Feldman moved to adopt the recommendation of the child support subcommittee. He also thanked Bryan, Irene, and Dr. Jane Venohr. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Self-Support Reserve and Minimum Child Support Orders-Harris/Lingle
 - Continuing to collect data and creating an Excel spreadsheet. Presently in the process of collecting other state's laws that have been in place similar to what we are working towards. Once we have those, then the subcommittee will start reviewing and to see how they compare to what we currently have and maybe what direction we want to go in as far as a final recommendation but it's still a work in progress.

➤ **Implementation of Legislation in CY2024**

- Family Resource Connections (FRC) [PA-103-0356](#) -Eric Watson
 - Started in January working on implementing and we are doing great. In February, we started with workshops and those were hosted by IDES and CMS. In July, we made a little bit of a shift and Child Support Services started hosting. We held two virtual events. One held yesterday with 27 attendees received extremely positive feedback. We are excited that this is going to continue to grow, and we want this to be permanent. The pilot project has an end date of June 30, 2025, and everyone is on board to continue with the same efforts as we are now. There are hopes to expand upon it and utilize

the resources out there with other work assessment centers and the many things out there still to tap into throughout the state. As of yesterday, there were 86,000 jobs posted by IDES and more than 400 jobs posted by CMS within the last week. Lots of opportunities and we continue pushing forward.

- **Family Advisory Council for Engagement (FACE) - Eric Watson & Dr. Kirk Harris**
 - We have approval for stipends or compensation. We need to move away from the term advisory council. Planning a conversation with Bryan Tribble, looking into renaming utilizing “focus group” or related language.
 - We are working on our next steps and getting out applications for parents to participate. Hopeful that in early 2025 we will have our first meeting.
 - Dr. Kirk Harris reported that there was a webinar he attended, and the state of Wisconsin and Michigan and some other states are doing fabulous work. There are enormous amounts of learning that can be garnered from this. The Webinar is recorded. Moving forward Dr. Harris wants to talk about important insights including the recruitment process. Dr. Harris asking that if there is an opportunity to listen to the webinar, take notes and discuss as this moves forward. Eric Watson agreed there were lots of good takeaways from the webinar.

- **One Net Training Reminder - Celeste Kannall**
 - Just a reminder that One Net training is out there. Even if you do not have time to do the training please try and log on and if there are issues reach out to Celeste for assistance. Everything is setup for you to be able to take your One Net training’s that are required annually. You can access the trainings at onenettraining.illinois.gov.

- **Old/New Business**
 - Old Business:
 - No old business
 - New Business:
 - No new business

- **Public Comments**
 - None

- **Adjourn**
 - Motion to adjourn, seconded, passed by unanimous vote.
 - Richard Zuckerman thanked everyone for attending.