

Child Support Advisory Committee Meeting

March 4, 2019 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)

By video conference and teleconference

Committee Members Present:

Darryl Apperton(via phone), Maggie Bennett, Dawn Porter (for The Honorable Dorothy Brown via phone), Trent Cameron (via phone), Howard Feldman, Geraldine Franco, Mick Gerhardt, Kirk Harris, Elizabeth Lingle, The Honorable Sidney Mathias, Nicole McKinnon (via phone), Phil Mohr, The Honorable Lindsay Parkhurst (via phone), Jessica Patchik, Christine Raffaele, Juanita Sanders (for DHS Secretary Grace Hou via phone), The Honorable Judge Charles Smith (phoned in to inform committee that he could not stay. He was scheduled to be in court), Vickie Smith and Richard Zuckerman

Committee Members Absent:

Maria Barlow, The Honorable Kelly Burke, The Honorable La Shawn Ford, The Honorable Judge Pamela Loza, Derrick White, Zeophus (Zee) Williams

HFS Staff Present: Mary Bartolomucci, Gina Hemphill, Ralph Abt, Sharon Shapiro, Irene Curran, Daun Perino, Sean Rosenthal and Bryan Tribble

Public Guests: Present in Chicago: Ms. Strango (not sure of spelling and there was no contact info left on the sign in sheet).

- **Welcome to CSAC members – Mary Bartolomucci**
 - Roll call of committee members – Mary Bartolomucci
 - Introduction of state employees and members of the public
 - All committee members, attendees and members of the public were asked to sign in
 - Approval of meeting notes from the November 13, 2018 CSAC Meeting

- **Election of 2019 CSAC Chairperson – Mary Bartolomucci/Committee Members**

Maggie Bennett nominated Richard Zuckerman for reappointment as the 2019 CSAC chair person. No other nominations were brought forward. Richard was unanimously elected. Richard accepted the position of chair and thanked the committee.

- **CSAC Quarterly Numbers – Mary Bartolomucci**

Mary Bartolomucci provided the report of the Key Performance Indicators. Based on how the information is made available, from now on the numbers will be provided annually and not quarterly.

- **Clean Slate Subcommittee – Kirk Harris and Bryan Tribble**
 - Kirk Harris reported that revisions to the current clean slate process is necessary. The subcommittee has reviewed the efforts to collect under this program, which was characterized as unsuccessful. The Subcommittee has looked at the challenges to the program and is reviewing principles to guide the revision of Clean Slate.
 - Bryan Tribble confirmed that the subcommittee is looking to reform the legislation on this issue and is currently drafting legislative language. There is no model out there that takes into consideration those with no current ability to pay versus no past ability to pay, but now a current ability to pay.
 - Richard Zuckerman requested that anyone interested in becoming a member of this Subcommittee to please advise him.

- **Shared Parenting Threshold Subcommittee – Howard Feldman**
 - Howard Feldman reported that the Subcommittee is struggling to come up with alternatives to do away with the 146 overnights threshold; struggling with concepts regarding the numbers. The State Bar Association and several family law groups are also looking into this.
 - Maggie Bennett reported that the Subcommittee is looking at other states that have reduced the number threshold, but it is complicated; reviewing a possible reduction by a certain percentage based on the number of overnights completed.
 - Richard Zuckerman reported that there are public policy considerations as to where the numbers should start and how it should apply. More information to be provided at the next meeting.

- **2021 Guidelines – Bryan Tribble**
 - Bryan Tribble reported that the quadrennial review of the Child Support guidelines needs to be completed by 2021. This review ensures that all states are setting support orders on real and quantifiable information that is attainable; need proof positive that child support is set at an amount that the Obligor can pay. That there are barriers which exist that impact the Obligor being characterized as a certain type of parent; if it was not for those barriers Obligor would be seen in a different light.

- **Info on State Interest Rates – Bryan Tribble**
 - Bryan Tribble reported that it was originally thought the interest rate change in Illinois was excessive; after researching it was determined that Illinois is near the national average of 8.8, with the range being from 4–12%. Illinois differs in the treatment of interest as Illinois is the only state that treats the payment of this interest as income to the recipient.
 - Kirk Harris inquired as to whom the interest is treated as income to; Bryan Tribble responded to whomever the debt is owed.
 - Maggie Bennett reported that 33 states have no or lesser interest rates than Illinois and in those states that are higher, it is discretionary or tied to different numbers.
 - Richard Zuckerman reported that we would continue to look at this issue.

- **Child Support Legislation Update – Richard Zuckerman**
 - Richard Zuckerman reported on the various House and Senate bills pending.

- **New Business**
 - Richard Zuckerman reported that regarding Subcommittees, as issues arise the Child Support Advisory Committee establishes subcommittees to address the issues. If an individual is interested in serving on a Subcommittee, please let him know so that he can review and address the request.

- **Public Comment**

No public comment presented

- **Closing**
 - Motion made to adjourn, motion seconded

- **Meeting Adjourned**