

Child Support Advisory Committee Meeting

May 14, 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), Maria Barlow (via phone), Maggie Bennett, Dawn Porter (for The Honorable Dorothy Brown via phone), Howard Feldman, Pat Grady (for The Honorable La Shawn Ford via phone), Geraldine Franco, Mick Gerhardt, Kirk Harris, Junita Sanders (for Grace Hou), Elizabeth Lingle, The Honorable Judge Pamela Loza, Christina Mahoney (via phone), The Honorable Sidney Mathias, Nicole McKinnon, Phil Mohr (via phone), Jessica Patchik, Christine Raffaele, Derrick White (via phone), Zeophus (Zee) Williams (via phone) and Richard Zuckerman

Committee Members Absent:

The Honorable Kelly Burke, Trent Cameron, The Honorable Lindsay Parkhurst, The Honorable Judge Charles Smith, and Vickie Smith

HFS Staff Present: Mary Bartolomucci, Gina Hemphill, Sean Rosenthal, Bryan Tribble, Ralph Abt, Daun Perino, Sharon Shapiro, Hilary Felton and Yvette Perez-Trevino (via phone)

Public Guests: No public guests

- **Welcome to CSAC members – Richard Zuckerman**
 - Roll call of committee members – Richard Zuckerman
 - 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 March 4, 2019 CSAC Meeting

- **Clean Slate Subcommittee – Kirk Harris and Bryan Tribble**
 - Kirk Harris reported that the subcommittee is continuing to work on the legislative language. It is in need of more work and assessment. The subcommittee studied the issues that led to the lack of success of the existing Clean Slate Program, explored other state models related to debt compromise, and contemplated a family strengthening set of principles that would guide the revision of the existing Clean Slate legislation. Based on its research, review of various state debt compromise initiatives, and the review of the Illinois data related to the existing Clean Slate legislation, the Subcommittee drafted a set of Family Strengthening Principles that it is using to revise the legislative language of the Clean Slate Program and has developed a draft piece of legislation consistent with the aims and goals of the established principles.

The subcommittee does not want to minimize the economic responsibility, but would like to provide the opportunity to have alternatives to payment of child support as compromising strategies. They would like to build more community trust for positive impact. The additional work that still needs to be done includes sponsoring focus groups with fathers, data collection strategies, data collection on current clean slate programs and the review of state debt compromise programs. They would like to have the revised legislation move forward after review by Child Support Services leadership and the Child Support Advisory Committee.

- Richard Zuckerman stated that going forward, the proposed legislation would be circulated for comment prior to the August CSAC meeting. If possible, we would like to have the proposed legislation approved for the January 2020 legislative session.
 - Maggie Bennett asked if job priority could be given to these individuals in an effort to provide employment opportunities. Dr. Harris responded that there were system challenges and that although this is a good idea, it probably would not happen. Mick Gerhardt asked if this only affects TANF cases. Dr. Harris responded that it would only be the state compromising their debt and that the debt of the obligee could not be compromised by this program.
- **Shared Parenting Threshold Subcommittee – Howard Feldman**
 - Howard Feldman stated that the subcommittee is struggling to come up with alternatives to do away with the 146 overnights threshold. They have researched several other states to see how they handle the number of overnights. They have not yet reached a conclusion and continue to work with concepts regarding the numbers. The subcommittee will continue gathering data moving forward. If other committee members would like to be on this subcommittee please contact Richard Zuckerman.
- **2021 Guidelines – Bryan Tribble**
 - Bryan Tribble reported that the quadrennial review of the Child Support guidelines needs to be completed by 2021. For today's meeting Bryan indicated he would be providing the statutory sites from the Federal perspective. For the next meeting, he will provide the outline/structure for the guidelines review and by the end of the year have a document to guide the work to be completed in 2020/2021. This is a long process with a great deal of information. This is a major undertaking. 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.

- With respect to the Federal authority, we want to look at 45 CFR 302.56, paying special attention to subparagraphs (e) and (h); these sections provide an overview of the process and details what documents we must include. 45 CFR 303.4 describes what needs to be present in the guidelines; what is involved with the establishment of support. Illinois statutory authority for the Child Support Advisory Committee to complete this review lies in 305 ILCS 5/12-4.20 & 4.20(c).
- **Child Support Legislation Update – Richard Zuckerman**
 - Richard Zuckerman reported on SB1473 and House Amendment 1 sponsored by The Honorable La Shawn Ford still pending. Amendment reviewed; we should have an answer by 5/24/19.
 - Concerning child support and sports book collection Bryan Tribble reported that HB3308 was amended five (5) times then died. HB1260 was amended two (2) times and the deadline has been extended until 5/31/19. The legislation to intercept gaming winnings has two models – Department of Gaming or Lottery. Lottery would be easier as the statutory authority is already in place (15 ILCS 405 & Admin. Code 160.70(b)). Department of Gaming would be similar to the Riverboat Gaming Act (230 ILCS 10/13.05 & 305 ILCS 5/10-17.15).
 - Dr. Harris inquired as to the economic impact of this enforcement remedy; Bryan Tribble responded that the Department has already collected upwards of a million dollars and this has the potential to be larger.
 - The Honorable Judge Pamela Loza inquired if this would affect on-line gambling winnings in multi-jurisdictional settings; Bryan Tribble responded that the Department would only be able to collect in Illinois from Illinois winnings, we would not be able to cross jurisdictions in order to collect in other states.
- **New Business**
 - No new business presented
- **Public Comment**
 - No public comment presented
- **Closing**
 - Motion made to adjourn, motion seconded
- **Meeting Adjourned**