

Child Support Advisory Committee Meeting

October 25, 2016 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)

By video conference and teleconference

Committee Members Present: Margaret Bennett, Scott Black(via phone), Darryl Apperton (via phone), Kirk Harris (via phone), Nicole McKinnon(via phone), Margaret Stapleton, Zeophus (Zee) Williams, The Honorable Judge Diane Winter (via phone), Geraldine Franco (via phone), and The Honorable Sidney Mathias

Committee Members Absent: The Honorable Patricia Bellock, The Honorable Dorothy Brown, The Honorable Kelly Burke, Mischelle Causey-Drake, James Dimas, The Honorable La Shawn Ford, Sequane Lawrence, The Honorable Robert Martwick, and The Honorable Cynthia Soto, The Honorable Judge Pamela Loza, Claude Robinson, Julio Rodriguez, and Richard Zuckerman

HFS Staff Present: Pam Lowry, Gina Hemphill, Irene Curran, Elizabeth Shydowski, Norris Stevenson, Sharon Shapiro, Ralph Abt, Roxy Schuman, Hillary Johns, Mike Vespa, Yvette Perez-Trevino, Elizabeth Shydowski, Bryan Tribble and Theresa Orozco

Public Guests: Brittany Ward

- **Welcome to CSAC members – Pam Lowry**
Pam Lowry welcomed meeting participants.
- **Remarks – Maggie Bennett**
 - Roll call of committee members was done by Maggie Bennett.
 - Introduction of state employees and members of the public
 - All committee members, attendees and members of the public were asked to sign in
 - April 19, 2016 meeting notes were not approved due to not having a quorum.
- **Status of Income Shares Legislation – Maggie Bennett**
Maggie shared that everyone is working very hard on this initiative. Maggie is very confident that they will meet the deadline.
- **2016 Technical Changes to the Parentage Act of 2015 Legislation – Maggie Bennett**
This will go into effect 1/1/2017. Technical changes to the income shares legislation were in the process of being submitted to income shares.
- **Workgroup Reports – Margaret Bennett**
 1. **Process Improvement related to legal referrals:**
Zee Williams (chair)

Scott Black

Michelle Causey-Drake

Kirk Harris

Kevin Murphy – (represented Dawn Porter (Dorothy Brown’s representative)

They had a meeting on October 14th. They discussed what happens when mail is received from HFS and the person that received it doesn’t know why or what to do with it. They went over how to address arrears and interest charges.

2. **Responsible Fatherhood and Practices that acknowledge inability to pay:**

Margret Stapleton (chair)

Sequane Lawrence

Geraldine Franco

Darryl Apperton

Kirk Harris

Kim McCullough

Margret Stapleton stated that they met and brainstormed. Maggie Bennett spoke to them to remind them of the challenges that are before them. This reenergized the group. They plan to meet monthly. Margret asked that a state employee sit in on the meetings. She would like their input on the driver’s license issues. It is getting attention in many forums. There was a discussion explaining why the driver’s license project is vitally important to low income families and children.

3. **Drafting the Electronic Child Support Calculator Worksheet for Income Shares:**

Maggie Bennett (chair)

Pamela Loza

Nicole McKinnon

Diane Winter

Richard Zuckerman

This group has not met yet. They plan to meet once a week. They are taking a break until LRB gets back to them. Bryan Tribble could demonstrate the Iowa calc. There is a December 13th meeting/webinar scheduled to show Iowa’s calculator.

• **New Business – Committee Members**

- Maggie Bennett – As they were doing technical corrections they found definitions that we all need. 505.2 needs to be reviewed and possibly amended. We are working with our legislative staff. We think by and large, the alignment with exemptions with healthcare our language will try to offer maximum flexibility for families. Within three years all states will be in the same position that we are in now. Families need to get the maximum benefit with the least amount of harm.

• **Public Comment – Members of the Public**

One member of the public asked about cases that she helps her constituents with. She needs assistance to better serve the families that she assists. It was suggested that Norris Stevenson work with her to make sure that she receives the help that she needs.

- **Closing**
Motion to adjourn was offered and approved.
- **Meeting Adjourned**