Child Support Advisory Committee Meeting

September 14, 2021 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)

WebEx Meeting

Committee Members Present via WebEx/phone:

Darryl Apperton, Alyssa Wesley (for Maria Barlow), Maggie Bennett, Geraldine Franco, Juanita Sanders and LaTanya Law (for Secretary Grace Hou), Elizabeth Lingle, Honorable Judge Pamela Loza, Christina Mahoney, Turyia Clay and Tamatha Blair (for The Honorable Iris Y. Martinez), The Honorable Sidney Mathias, Nicole McKinnon, The Honorable Alana I. Mejias, Phillip Mohr, Jessica Patchik, Christine Raffaele, Vickie Smith, Derrick White, Richard Zuckerman

Committee Members Absent:

Trent Cameron, Howard Feldman, The Honorable La Shawn Ford, and Dr. Kirk Harris

HFS Staff Present via phone:

Bryan Tribble, Gina Hemphill, Ralph Abt, Daun Perino, Irene Curran, Hilary Johns Felton, Sharon Shapiro, Kim Rossini and Patricia Dulin

Public Guests:

General Parker and Mick Gerhardt

• Welcome to CSAC members – Richard Zuckerman

- ➤ Roll call of committee members
- > Introduction of state employees and members of the public
- ➤ All committee members, attendees and members of the public were asked to announce their name before speaking and to mute their phone if they are not speaking.
- ➤ Approval of July 13, 2021 meeting notes Motion made to approve. Motion was passed.

• Legislative Updates – Richard Zuckerman

SB2110 – CHILD SUPPORT-ACTIONS-REMEDIES was signed into law by the Governor on 8/20/2021. It is now Public Act 102-0541.

Jessica Patchik stated that it has been a long run and she is glad that it is done.

• Quadrennial Review Discussion – Bryan Tribble & Richard Zuckerman

➤ Report of Public Input Subcommittee

Bryan Tribble reported that the Public Input Subcommittee meets weekly on Friday's. They are very excited about the public input portion. They were planning to have meetings throughout the state. Due to COVID they can't

responsibly hold in person public input meetings. They have decided that they will hold virtual meetings. At the last CSAC meeting they shared the survey that they planned to distribute to any court participants. They will now be putting these into Survey Monkey. They are putting together a survey that would accompany court dates. They would like to share their final draft. Irene will talk on that.

Irene Curran stated that Ralph Abt assisted her with this. She shared that they want people to understand that Illinois is in the majority with income shares, not the minority. They reviewed the survey for both the person paying support and receiving support. The committee thought that giving questions to answer would be helpful.

Maggie Bennett asked about question #15. She wanted to know if it was father or mother and she asked if we want to add who signed the VAP.

Bryan Tribble stated that we were hoping to leave today's meeting with this being approved. His hope was to make any necessary changes and get it approved today.

Vicki Smith asked about the sub committee's consideration on incarcerated individuals. She asked if it was taken into consideration that those individuals coming out of prison may have problems getting employment. Irene Curran responded that they did take this into consideration. We are looking at incarcerated persons and their ability to pay support and how we can address the issues of those incarcerated persons.

Jessica Patchik asked about #16. Do we want to ask about how many nights? If it is under 146 does it really matter? Richard Zuckerman responded that we didn't want to use the cliff. By considering the fact that we are addressing the issue of overnights. We are looking beyond that. Jessica asked, do we not need to know the number of overnights? Richard stated that we do not really define what overnight is. Darrell Apperton asked if we should just ask for a number rather than give a number. Irene mentioned that maybe we could add an a and b to the question defining what overnights mean. Richard said that we would have to get a definition of overnight. We would need that info to define overnight. Jessica suggested removing the word overnight. Darrell agrees to remove the word overnights. Richard said that Maggie knows more about this. Most income shares states define overnight. Maggie said no definition of overnight. She gave an example that the court has the ability to deviate on what it means. Only one state defines overnights. Irene asked Maggie if we need to change the wording. Maggie said, no, that this is fine. She also said that if you give them a number, they would have to figure that out. She suggested that we could put in a two-week period to figure out. They could quickly answer this question. Jessica asked if she could retract her question so that we could move on. Richard said that she does not need to do that. We need to be clear with this. We consider this a start.

Richard Zuckerman said that he would like to allow the members of the public to voice their opinion. General Parker said that he appreciates all that we do. It is an emotional subject for many. He does have issues with a few questions. Regarding incarcerated people, when they get out, they likely will not have a job and going back to what the support was is nonsense. Terms for father, mother, husband, and wife, we need to go back to using custodial and non-custodial. As for the time spent with kids they are concerned with a number. Domestic violence by proxy same with child support. If you don't do what they say, they use that. Richard stated that at this time we are talking about this survey. General stated that he is talking about this survey. There is nowhere on the survey to talk about what we need. General stated that he knows that we are going to go ahead and pass it, but that there are other issues that come up and they should be brought up on the questionnaire. He mentioned the question that is asked, do you feel like you have been treated fairly. Sometimes people feel like there was misconduct and corruption that occurred in their case. There are no questions about that or how people can remedy that. That is a real issue. He also asked about us talking to the public to participate in the quadrennial review. He said that some people do not have computers/email or are intimidated by them. He would like to see as many in person meetings as possible. Richard stated that we are planning a number of public meetings depending on the health of the state. We will meet in person live or virtual. Again, it depends on what restrictions we may be under. Richard then asked if there were any additional comments.

Richard Zuckerman asked if someone would motion. Motion made to approve by Jessica Patchik and seconded by Maggie Bennett. Motion was passed.

Bryan Tribble thanked Richard and the members of the committee.

Procurement Update – Daun Perino

We have received permission to bid this out as a small source. We are looking to partner with the Center of Policy Research. They have uploaded their info. We work on contract. We are hoping that it will be ready to go to the Director soon. Bryan Tribble asked if there were any questions for Daun or regarding the quadrennial review. There were none.

• Old/New Business Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

• Public Comments:

None

Meeting Adjourned

Motion made to adjourn; motion approved by voice vote.