

# Child Support Advisory Committee Meeting

August 12, 2015 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)

By teleconference only

**Committee Members Present on the Phone:** Chair Irene Curran, Margaret Bennett, Beth Johnson, The Honorable Sidney Mathias, Nicole McKinnon, Diane Potts, Margaret Stapleton, Zeophus (Zee) Williams, Richard Zuckerman, Bob Lyons for The Honorable Patricia Bellock, Kelly Smeltzer for The Honorable Dorothy Brown

**Committee Members Absent:** Erin Bognar, The Honorable Kelly Burke, The Honorable La Shawn Ford, Geraldine Franco, Sequane Lawrence, The Honorable Judge Pamela Loza, The Honorable Robert Martwick, The Honorable Judge Andrea Schleifer, Dr. Ada Skyles, The Honorable Cynthia Soto, The Honorable Donna Jo Vonderstrasse

**HFS Staff Present:** Pam Lowry, Sharon Shapiro, Theresa Orozco, Ralph Abt, Norris Stevenson, Yvette Perez-Trevino, Hillary Johns, Mike Vespa, Ralph Abt, Mary Bartolomucci, Gina Hemphill and Mollie Zito

**Public Guests:** None

- **Welcome to CSAC members - Pam Lowry**  
Pam Lowry welcomed meeting participants
- **Remarks by Chair – Irene Curran**  
Roll call was taken for all Committee members. State employees and members of the public were asked to introduce themselves. There were no members of the public present on the call.
- **Approval of June Meeting Notes – Irene Curran**  
Approval of the notes was recommended. Meeting notes were unanimously approved. The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2015 from 1:30 to 3:30 in person/video.
- **Income Shares Outreach – Irene Curran**  
The group has met and is working on a plan. The group is still waiting to receive needed information. They are planning a presentation for General Assembly legislative staff in regards to income shares. It is too early to set a date and time to do the presentation in Springfield.
- **Error in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2010 Quarterly Statistics – Pam Lowry**  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2010 stats reflected an interface error that was corrected in the following month. The document has been annotated to reflect that. In regards to the case load numbers, there is a lot of research being done. The fluctuation in the Illinois caseload is also seen in the national caseload statistics. This may be the result of successful campaigns to reduce the teen birth rate. DCSS found that international cases were not being counted on the OCSE157 and added them, but there are less than 1,000 international cases in Illinois at this time. DCSS will continue to review the OCSE157 report.
- **Cost Efficiency of Income Shares with Standardized Net as a Basis for Income – Norris Stevenson**  
The data has been gathered but not yet fully analyzed. Norris and Pam will analyzed and report in October.
- **Work Groups – Irene Curran**  
There are three work groups. There has not been time to accomplish much yet. The groups will meet and report back at the October meeting. The groups are as follows:
  1. Guidelines Outreach Workgroup: Irene Curran, Margaret Bennett, Richard Zuckerman, Zee Williams, and Sidney Mathias

2. Process Improvement related to legal referrals: Zee Williams, Diane Potts, Kelly Smeltzer, and Judge Vonderstrasse.
  3. Responsible Fatherhood and Practices that Acknowledge Inability to pay: Irene Curran, Beth Johnson, Ada Skyles, Sequane Lawrence, Geraldine Franco and Margie Stapleton.
- **Public Comment** – There were no members of the public on the call.
  - **New Business – Committee Members**  
A CSAC member asked if an inquiry could be made about additional federal grant funding for implementation of income shares. Pam Lowry stated that she had made inquiries on the issue and it was extremely unlikely that there would be any grant opportunities for income shares implementation. A CSAC member asked about the new cooperation requirements for child care assistance. Pam Lowry responded that DCSS is working closely with DHS to ensure that the child care assistance participants have the best possible transition into the new elements of the program.
  - **Closing**  
A thank you was extended to all committee members and attendees. Motion to adjourn was offered and approved.
  - **Meeting Adjourned**