

Child Support Advisory Committee Meeting

December 10, 2012, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)

By video conference and teleconference

Committee Members Present: Chair Zeophus (Zee) Williams, Margaret Bennett, Irene Curran, , Sequane Lawrence, Diane Potts, The Honorable Judge Andrea Schleifer, Margaret Stapleton, and The Honorable Representative Patricia Bellock (by phone), The Honorable Judge Pam Loza, Nicole McKinnon, Ada Skyles, Mike Moore, and Richard Zuckerman (by phone), and Mike Vicars

Committee Members Absent: The Honorable Judge Jay Ukena, The Honorable Representative Sidney Mathias, The Honorable Dorothy Brown, The Honorable Senator Kimberly Lightford, The Honorable Judge Martha Mills, The Honorable Cynthia Soto, Gaylord Gieseke, Michelle Saddler, The Honorable Representative Cynthia Soto, Erin Bognar

HFS Staff Present: Pamela Lowry, Geraldine Franco, Sharon Shapiro, Norris Stevenson, Yvette Perez-Trevino (by phone), Mary Bartolomucci, Barb McDermott, and Gina Hemphill

Public Guests: Annette Bannon, Greg Johnson, John DeLascio, Calvin Jackson, Ed Foley, Mike Gerhardt, Michelle Price, Todd Bottom, Shangive' Parker, Donna Grote, Jim Weddigen, Arunas Cepas, Tim Brown, Todd Perkins and Mike Doherty (There were others that attended and declined the sign in sheet).

- **Welcome and Introductions by Chair Zeophus “Zee” Williams**

Chair Williams welcomed meeting participants and asked all present to introduce themselves and sign in on the sheets provided. Committee members approved minutes from the previous meeting.

- **Cook Re-Stack**

Update committee on upcoming moves in Chicago. Central Management Services (CMS) redid the Chicago lease. HFS will no longer occupy 32 W. Randolph. There is not enough square footage to accommodate all staff. Offices are splitting up into different locations.

- 1.) Northern – 1755 Lake Cook Road Deerfield, Illinois 60015
- 2.) Central – Old Carson P. Scott/36 South Wabash Chicago, Illinois 60603
- 3.) Southern – 5201 South Emerald Chicago, Illinois 60621

Currently developing task list:

- *Accounting – Central
- *Interstate – Central
- *Customer Inquiry Resolution Unit – Central
- *Administrative Process - decentralized

- **CLE – Sponsored by: Chicago Bar Association Domestic Relations Division**

Video webcast: Future of Child Support Calculations in Illinois.

Date: 1/28/13

Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

2.75 MCLE credit

Host and moderator: Larry Sufferdin

Presenters: Pam Lowry, Margaret Bennett, Jane Venohr and Diane Potts

- **The Future of Child Support – Guidelines**

The Director would like to hear what the ISBA has to say. How do we develop a consensus?

Subcommittees:

- 1.) Legislative Drafting Committee: (Maggie Bennett – Scrivner)
- 2.) Develop Written Materials for Publication and Dissemination: Chairing - Diane Potts
- 3.) Educational Forum w/ Domestic Relations: Judges Schleifer

Work continues. We have not started legislation for various reasons. We will begin this in the upcoming fiscal year. We will restructure our goal in 2013. The date may be postponed depending on how we progress w/ drafting the legislation.

- **Question/Comments from Committee Members**

How is the program doing?

End of this fiscal year: Preliminary end of the FY#'s

- 81% of our cases have orders
- Statewide paternity establishment is 87.2% - still struggling
- Current Support – 59.1%
- Arrears -60.4%
- Cost effectiveness ratio, last year was 472. New numbers not in until December
- Total collections @ end of FY – 1.39 billion

Judge Schleifer commented on VAPS. She suggested that the VAPS be easy to read and not written in legal language. Possible change in language on VAPS.

- **Staff Changes**

Cynthia Moreno took another position. Mary Morrow is now the Deputy Administrator for Parent Support Services. Mary Morrow's position as Assistant Deputy Administrator for Northern Field was filled by Nancy Emberton. Terry Randle retired and was replaced by Dennis Erickson. Margi Bonczyk retired and was replaced by Eve Blackwell-Lewis.

- **Suggested Agenda Items for Next Meeting – March 2013**

- 1.) VAP Revisions (Barb McDermott)
- 2.) Cook – Account Adjustment Reviews (Norris Stevenson)
- 3.) State Disbursement Unit (SDU) – (Christine Towles)
- 4.) Cook – Administrative Orders/Modifications in Chicago (Pam Lowry)

- **Public Comments** – Several public comments were heard.

- It was suggested that there be an educational forum for the citizens of Illinois and the Illinois judges, that would be federally funded. Believed to be a disconnect between HFS and what judges are aware of. Zee stated that they are developing a form with current info that can be used to do an educational forum for judges.
- It was suggested that all parties need to know more about net vs. gross. The 40% cliff is causing lots of litigation due to lack of understanding.
- It was stated that the 40% is causing moms to make sure that the dads do not have the kids 40% of the time. It caused this father to become an every other weekend dad and have less time with his kids.
- It was stated that gross vs. net vs. adjusted gross can leave little for fathers to live on.

- **Closing** - Everyone present and on the phone were informed that they could send comments and/or questions to – hfs.supportguidelines@illinois.gov.

- **Meeting Adjourned**