

2015 Child Support Schedule Workgroup Minutes
Meeting of January 23, 2015
L&I Headquarters
Tumwater, WA

Workgroup Members attending: Wally McClure, Chair; ALJ Ami Abuan; Kevin Callaghan, Merrie Gough; Nathan Hildebrand; Steven Larson; Representative Christine Kilduff; Coti Westby

DCS Staff: Sharon Redmond; Matthew Parascand; Nancy Koptur, George Smylie, Dani Yongue; Robert Bates

Guests: Cindy Bricker; Barb Parry, DSHS/ESA Public Disclosure Officer, Teri Lane

I. Introductions

Workgroup members and Workgroup staff introduced themselves. Staff roles and responsibilities were discussed.

II. Review of Agenda

The group reviewed the Draft Agenda.

III. Housekeeping

- a. The group discussed the need for ground rules and brainstormed ideas, which would be presented at the next Workgroup meeting for review and approval.
- b. Staff provided information regarding the Workgroup webpage, the listserv and the SupportSchedule@dshs.wa.gov email box for public input.
- c. The group expressed a desire for, and staff agreed to explore, the possibility of using WebEx or a similar method to allow Workgroup members to participate in meetings if they were unable to attend in person. It was agreed that if possible, WebEx capability would be provided for the next meeting.
- d. The group discussed scheduling and location of future Workgroup meetings. It was agreed that staff would poll Workgroup members about the desirability of rescheduling the February and March meetings.
- e. The group discussed the need for at least one public forum on each side of the mountains, to gather public input. Possible methods, including scheduling a public forum in the late afternoon or evening after a Workgroup meeting, were discussed.
- f. Barb Parry gave a presentation on public records and public disclosure laws and how they impact Workgroup members.

IV. Review of Authorizing Statute and 2011 Report

- a. Staff gave a presentation on the development of RCW 26.19.025, which sets the procedures for the quadrennial review of the child support schedule.
- b. Staff gave a presentation on prior Workgroups, focusing on the recommendations of the 2011 Child Support Schedule Workgroup and the resulting legislation.

V. Working Lunch – Review of E-MAPS Report

Teri Lane of DSHS/ESA/E-MAPS discussed the review of child support orders entered since the last review which was done for the 2011 Workgroup.

VI. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VII. Discussion of Priorities for 2015 Workgroup

- a. The group discussed possible issues for the Workgroup to address.
- b. The group recognized that there is currently pending in the legislature a bill ([HB 1037](#)) that would adopt the consensus recommendations of the 2011 Workgroup, which if passed would impact the topics and/or issues for this Workgroup.
- c. After discussion, the group agreed that their first preference would be to focus on the residential schedule adjustment; this is a topic/issue that the Workgroup can discuss without impact by the passage of HB 1037.
- d. The second preferred issue was lower income limitations.

VIII. Wrap Up and Planning

- a. DCS staff proposed a survey of Workgroup members to determine availability for meetings.
- b. Once the survey results are in, DCS staff will propose future meeting dates, including at least one public forum (to solicit input from members of the public) on each side of the mountains.
- c. Chair McClure requested members of the Workgroup to suggest topics or issues for the next meeting agenda.
- d. A member requested that staff provide information about how the child support schedule worksheets work, and for examples of the different support amounts that might be set in different circumstances and using the “new” economic table contained in HB 1037.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 pm.