

2015 Child Support Schedule Workgroup Minutes
Meeting of March 6, 2015
L&I Headquarters
Tumwater, WA

Workgroup Members attending: Wally McClure, Chair; Judge Richard Okrent, Kevin Callaghan, Dr. Robert Plotnick, Chuck Szursewski, Merrie Gough, Melora Sharts, Tami Chavez, Inga Laurent, Julierae Gunter Castleton, Nathan Hildebrand; Steven Larson; Coti Westby,
Workgroup Members attending by Webex: ALJ Ami Abuan, Kristopher Amblad,
DCS Staff: Sharon Redmond; Matthew Parascand; Nancy Koptur, George Smylie, Robert Bates
Guests: Cindy Bricker; Betsy P. Elgar, David Johnson, David Ward, Levi Fisher, David Brown

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 ground rules i.e. consensus decision making, courteous communication, and allowing speakers to finish. Then reviewed priorities established in previous meeting.
- 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 the piloting of using Webex for remote participation of members, and that Webex was being used during the current meeting with the record function activated.
- d. Staff provided information on travel reimbursement, with further information being made available on the work group website. Contact Matt Parascand at (360)664-5172 or matthew.parascand@dshs.wa.gov if you have questions regarding travel.

IV. Review of Residential Credit as approached by 2011 workgroup

- a. Kevin Callaghan the chair of the 2011 residential schedule subgroup gave quick history of past work group activities and consensus decisions

V. Working Lunch – Residential Credit

- a. Seeking additional economic and sociological data to see how residential credit systems have impacted families as they have been implemented in the past.
- b. Discussed blended family effect expenses and children from new relationships; under what circumstance we use the income of a new relationship to adjudicate support and impact it will have on support.
- c. Addressed that changes of the child support schedule must be available across the board in order to create a fair and equitable system. Must be able to adjudicate changes uniformly in both Administrative and Superior court.

- d. Defined issues within the residential credit to address with specificity. Created three subgroups to define, discuss and provide solutions to be provided to the workgroup for consensus.
 - i. Subgroups designated
 - 1. Unit of measurement
 - 2. Parenting plans
 - 3. Adjustment vs. deviation

VI. Public Comments

- a. Betsy P. Elgar spoke about how sharing of interstate information has impacted her life
- b. David Ward Shared his personal struggle and successes with the current residential schedule credit program.

VII. Wrap Up and Planning

- a. Members volunteered for specific advisories in support of the Child Support Schedule Workgroup
 - i. Unit of measurement subgroup volunteers were: Dr. Robert Plotnick, Steven Larson, Melora Sharts, Charlse Szurszewski, Inga Laurent, Kevin Callahan, Wally McClure
 - ii. Parenting plan subgroup volunteers were: Judge Richard Okrent, Julirae Castelton, Merrie Gough, Inga Laurent.
 - iii. Adjustment vs. Deviation subgroup volunteers were: Coti Westby, Nathaniel Hildebrand, Steven Larson, Tami Chavez, Kevin, Ami Abuan
- b.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 pm.