# 2015 Child Support Schedule Workgroup Meeting of May 22, 2015 L&I Headquarters Tumwater, WA

<u>Workgroup Members attending</u>: Wally McClure, Dr.Robert Plotnick, Judge Richard Okrent, Merrie Gough, Tami Chavez, Kevin Callaghan, David Hayes, Coti Westby, Ami Abuan, Kristopher Amblad, Melora Sharts, Charles Szurszewski, Nathaniel Hildebrandt, Inga Laurent, Kala Jackson,

<u>DCS Staff</u>: Sharon Redmond, Nancy Koptur, Robert Bates, Janina Oestreich

Guests: Cindy Bricker, Dave Brown, David Johnson, Daryl

#### I. Introductions

- a. Workgroup members and Workgroup staff introduced themselves.
- b. New members introduced
- c. Staff roles and responsibilities discussed.

## II. Review of Agenda

The group reviewed the Draft Agenda.

## III. Subcommittee Report out

- a. Adjustment vs. Deviation
  - i. Reviewed other states laws finding 34 states have statutes identifying parenting time as the determining factor in child support
  - ii. Shared parenting plans seem to be the trend
- b. Unit of Measure
  - i. Used visual displays to demonstrate how differing formulas could affect outcomes in support
  - ii. Reviewed various states with similar statutes as well as outcomes and effects of used formulas

#### IV. Working Lunch - Short break to gather food

### V. Subcommittee Report out continued

- a. Parenting Plans
  - i. Discussion focusing on enforcement of parenting plans and verbiage needed and possible avenues to use for enforcement of plans

#### VI. Work group check in

- a. Work group discussed ideas presented by subcommittees, addressing how the group would like to see the subcommittees' progress in the future.
- b. Voted on priorities
  - i. Adjustment vs. deviation
    - 1. Automatic adjustment based on time giving the court the ability to deviate at their discretion
    - 2. Burden shifts to why there should be an adjustment
    - 3. No impact to low income
    - 4. Advisory adjustment
    - 5. Follow up

- a. Should we have a residential credit
  - i. Yes-13 (Consensus)
- b. Should there be a formula
  - i. Yes-13(Consensus)
- c. Should it be advisory or guidance
  - i. Guidance- 12 yes
  - ii. Required- 1 yes
- ii. Units of measurements
  - 1. Overnights or equivalence
    - a. Overnights yes /13 (Consensus)
  - 2. Use the curve/ Oregon formula
    - a. Curve deferred for more informationb. Oregon format deferred for more information
  - 3. No threshold or no cliff
    - a. Threshold deferred for more informationb. Cliff deferred for more information
- iii. Parenting Plans
  - 1. Enforcement- contempt

a. Add to 26.19(provisions)b. Change formNo Voting

iv. Review of 2011 workgroup recommendations: If the 2011 WG recommendations are not passed into law [SHB 1037], then the WG agrees to roll some of the recommendations into the 2015 WG recommendations. Recommendations with a "no" need more review and consideration:

1. New economic table Yes/12

2. Children from other relationships,

a. Children not before the courts Yes/2 No /10

3. Post-secondary educational support No/9

 Self-support reserve and federal poverty level Yes/10 (Consensus)

### VII. Wrap Up and Planning

a. Members agree to subcommittee meeting schedules; will meet as often as possible by WebEx and teleconference to reduce need for travel.

### VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 pm.