

## Attendance:

<b>Members appearing</b>	Administrative Law Judge Jeff Manson, Anneliese Vance-Sherman, Commissioner Tami Chavez, Crissy Anderson, Janelle Wilson, Sharon Redmond, Terry Price
<b>Members not appearing</b>	Christy Carpenter, Judge Richard Okrent, Kristofer Amblad, James Chott, Keoki Kauano, Mia Harper, Sandra Johnston, Shelby LeBret-McCrea, Representative Christine Kilduff, Representative Jeremie Dufault, Senator Claire Wilson, Senator Maureen Walsh, Tara Miller
<b>Division of Child Support staff</b>	Christine Servin, Kimberly Curtis, Mindy Houx, Nancy Koptur, Nicole Enlow
<b>Public attendees</b>	Harley Draven, Jim Clark, Ronin Wraythe

## Presentation for the public forum

### Agenda:

#### 1. Review public forum ground rules

#### 2. Introduction and hopes for the public forum

- Chair of the workgroup, Sharon Redmond, shared the hope for the public forum is to hear input and feedback from the public on the emerging workgroup recommendations and other child support issues.

#### 3. Workgroup member introductions

#### 4. Recommendations Review

- Emerging recommendation from the three subcommittees
  - Income Determination, Imputation, and the Self-Support Reserve
    - RCW 26.19.071
      - Imputation of income factors
      - Imputing to 32 hours per week in certain circumstances
      - Additional language for an individual who has never been employed
    - RCW 26.19.011 – definition of full time
  - Substantially Shared Parenting and Residential Deviation Definition
    - Time calculated by hours instead of overnights
    - 35% threshold to be met for a potential deviation
    - Totality of circumstances including insufficient resources consideration
    - No deviation if receiving TANF
    - Adjustment if residential time is not being exercised
  - Temporary Abatement for Dependency
    - Colloquy – a formal conversation with parents involved in a dependency action
    - Court can adjust current support obligation
    - Court can adjust arrears owed to the State of Washington
    - Notice to parties in a dependency action

#### 5. Public Feedback/Input

##### *Jim Clark*

- Spoke to the shared parenting and residential deviation topic as this is the most relevant to his current circumstances
- Respect that both parents have the responsibility to support the child(ren)

- Prefers the 1991 standard for calculating time
- Would suggest an attachment for the residential schedule as an automatic part of the process and that pro se parents could achieve this without a commissioner
- Support the totality of circumstances and insufficient resources as can't look at one person's household only
- Look at reducing the child support obligation for those paying parents who have no visitation as they aren't getting the inherent 20% of time in the child support schedule
- Adopt a position of equality between parents on time with child(ren) from the outset
- Current systems has a financial incentive to get custody of child(ren) and DCS aggressively enforces the order against the paying parent including passport and taxes but paying parent may not be able to afford it

### *Ronin Wraythe*

- Co-founder of Whatcom County non-profit, A Place for Father, established in 2018
- Adjustment/threshold for shared parenting
  - What about a case where you aren't seeing the child and there is an automatic 20% increase in child support
  - There is the potential for combatting parental alienation with a decrease in child support
- Reduction of child support for receiving parent if there is parental alienation
  - Would need a timeframe/length and evidence to prove this is occurring such as a psychological exam, phone records, and/or text messages
  - Believe this would help stop parental alienation from occurring

### *Harley Draven*

- Co-founder of Whatcom County non-profit, A Place for Father, established in 2018
- Injustice of child support – automatic 20% if they don't have any time with child
- Big key is parental alienation/interference (contempt doesn't work)
- Perjury in child support hearings needs to be changed

## 6. Closing

- Meetings
  - Public Forums: August 8<sup>th</sup> in Seattle and August 10<sup>th</sup> in Spokane
  - Workgroup meetings: August 9<sup>th</sup> in Seattle and August 29<sup>th</sup> in Tacoma
- Drafting the final report due to the Legislature on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- For more information:
  - [Online](#): search 'child support schedule workgroup 2019' in internet browser
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- Thank you for your participation!