

Subcommittee Meeting Agenda: Temporary Abatement

Wednesday, June 12 | 12:00 – 1:30 PM | via WebEx

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MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO MEMBERS' LACK OF AVAILABILITY DURING MEETING TIME – AGENDA TO BE ADAPTED FOR 6/14 MEETING

Facilitator	Mindy Houx	Attendees: [Attendees]
Note taker	[Note taker]	

Please review:

- 5/17 draft subcommittee meeting minutes (attached to 6/10 email)
- FC demographics (attached to 6/10 email with page references)

Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Check-in</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current status• Summary of remaining meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Friday, June 14 from 3:00-4:00 pm○ Wednesday, June 19 from 12:00-1:30 pm• Deadlines:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 6/21 – Draft subcommittee final report due○ 6/21 – Final subcommittee in person report out due	Mindy	10 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Discussion of research items</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keoki<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Did we receive Jacob D'Annunzio's office's response on letterhead?• Sandra<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Status of parent testimonials with dependency/FC involvement?	All	25 minutes

- **Mindy**
 - Status of FC collections – cost effectiveness stats?
 - FC demographics/stats – what do we want to do with these?

What other research do we want to include?

- Anecdotal information:
 - Stories from parties who have experienced dependency actions.
 - Stats from other states that Wa could say is demographically similar.
- Fact patterns – for different dependency scenarios.
- Recommendations for additional groups to continue efforts, including gathering data/research, hold work sessions, etc.

□ **Per discussion and group drafting at 5/17 meeting:** All 25 minutes

RCW 26.19.76 (potential recommendation for additional RCW) – titled “Foster Care/Child Support Abatement”

- 1) The Court, ALJ, and/or DCS shall conduct a colloquy with parent/s currently in a dependency action, to determine the extent of said parent/s indigence and/or ability to pay support. This information shall be used to stay, adjust, abate or eliminate current or arrearage support obligations for parents who successfully complete the dependency action and pursuant to the return of the children to said parent/s.
- 2) It is the intent of this RCW to prevent a crippling debt being assigned to the parent/s to whom the children can be successfully returned in order to support said return and the best interests of the children in being placed with a more financially stable parent.
(Note: The intent of this paragraph or something similar was discussed but not reduced to text.)
- 3) DCYF and DCS shall create a policy requirement to give notice to said parent/s regarding the right to seek a stay, adjustment, abatement, or waiver of current support or arrearages under this statute. Further, any court, before whom comes an indigent parent, shall notify said parent of the rights laid out herein.

Questions for consideration:

- How would a new RCW impact current/existing statute?
- What about arrears owed to a different state? (from 5/17)

workgroup feedback)

- What does 'give notice' mean/look like?

Subcommittee written draft final report

Mindy

15 minutes

- To include: Overview; Key Issues; Findings and Recommendations; Citations
- Next steps – How do we want to draft this?
- Reference: 2015 workgroup subcommittee final reports can be located here:
 - [Adjustment vs. Deviation Subcommittee](#)
 - [Parenting Plans Subcommittee](#)
 - [Formula Subcommittee](#)
 - [Unit of Measure Subcommittee](#)

Other

All

15 minutes

Decisions, tasks and next steps

Next subcommittee meeting: Friday, June 14 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Tasks:

Next Steps: