

Subcommittee Meeting Agenda: Temporary Abatement

Friday, June 14 | 3:00 – 4:00 PM | via WebEx

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

Please review:

- 5/17 draft subcommittee meeting minutes (attached to 6/13 email)
- FC demographics research review:
 - 'Data Request – FC placement demographics' email (attached to 6/13 email)
www.pocdata.org (source of stats in email and additional information)
 - [Caseload Forecast and Licensed Foster Home Capacity](#)
(Chart on page 2 showing the number of children entering and exiting from out of home placement by calendar year)
 - [Annual Foster Parent and Adoptive Home Recruitment Report](#)
(Chart on page 5 showing the basic foster care and TANF rates paid based on the number of children)
 - [Washington State DCYF Racial Disparity Indices Report \(2018\)](#)
(Chart on page 4 shows some disproportionality stats)

Agenda Items

| Topic | Presenter | Time allotted |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Check-in | Mindy | 5 minutes |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current status• Summary of remaining meetings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wednesday, June 12 CANCELLED○ 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 | | |

□ **Discussion of research items**

All

15 minutes

- **Keoki**
 - Did we receive Jacob D'Annunzio's office's response on letterhead?
- **Sandra**
 - Status of parent testimonials with dependency/FC involvement?
- **Mindy**
 - Status of FC collections – cost effectiveness stats: Current information shows that DCS collects \$0.39 for every \$1.00 expended. Summary pending approval to be shared fully/publically.
 - 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

20 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 DCS respond to/interpret the draft language?
- 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?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Subcommittee written draft final report</u> | Mindy | 15 minutes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To include: Overview; Key Issues; Findings and Recommendations; Citations• Next steps – How do we want to draft the final report?• Reference: 2015 workgroup subcommittee final reports can be located here:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Adjustment vs. Deviation Subcommittee○ Parenting Plans Subcommittee○ Formula Subcommittee○ Unit of Measure Subcommittee | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other | All | 5 minutes |

Decisions, tasks and next steps

Next (FINAL!) subcommittee meeting: Wednesday, June 19 from 12:00-1:30pm

Tasks:

Next Steps: