

# Subcommittee Meeting Agenda: Temporary Abatement

Thursday, June 20 | 12:00 – 1:30 PM | via WebEx

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

## Please review:

- 6/14 draft subcommittee meeting minutes (included with 6/18 email)

## Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Check-in</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome</li><li>• Deadlines:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ 6/21 – Draft subcommittee final report due</li><li>◦ 6/21 – Final subcommittee in person report out due</li></ul></li></ul>	Mindy	5 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Discussion of pending tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <del>Mindy: Request that the 5/17 meeting minutes be posted on the public site.</del></li><li>• <del>Mindy: Send updated meeting information for re-scheduled meeting to 6/20, 12:00-1:30pm, including updated WebEx info.</del></li><li>• <b>Sandra:</b> Work with Dept of Assigned Counsel and AG's Office to obtain party testimonials representing different involvement and perspectives within dependency actions.</li><li>• <b>Richard:</b> Identify case (Cole vs dshs?) that addresses the obligation to provide housing assistance to parents in dependency action (referral only; nothing more).</li><li>• <b>Sandra and Richard:</b> Draft subcommittee report and</li></ul>	All	25 minutes

send versions to subcommittee members for feedback and contributions.

- **All:** Review and provide feedback in response to subcommittee report drafts.

□ **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.

**PENDING Questions:**

- How would DCS respond to/interpret the draft language?
  - Review of Kimberly Curtis’ email and/or discussion with Kimberly, if she’s able to attend meeting.
- What about arrears owed to a different state? (from 5/17 workgroup feedback)
  - Reference UIFSA (Uniform Interstate/governmental Family Support Act) as federal guidance – what limitations exist, if any?

□ **Subcommittee written draft final report** Mindy 20 minutes

- Status?
- What else needs done?

- Next steps?

**Subcommittee final report out at 6/21 workgroup meeting**

- Preference for how this is done?
- Next steps?

Other

All

10 minutes

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**Decisions, tasks and next steps**

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**In person workgroup meeting: Friday, June 21 from 9:00am – 3:00pm**

**Tasks:**

**Next Steps:**