

FINAL Meeting Minutes
Approved October 23, 2008

Child Support Schedule Workgroup Meeting

September 27, 2008

Workgroup Meeting 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

(in the Cascade 13 Room)

Public Meeting 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

(in the Evergreen 3 & 4 Rooms)

Doubletree Hotel – Seattle Airport

18740 International Blvd

SeaTac Washington

Attendees: *David Stillman; Rep. Jim Moeller; Comm. Gallaher; David Spring; Kris Amblad; Angela Cuevas; Kristie Dimak; Jason Doudt; ALJ Robert Krabill; Merrie Gough; Judge Christine Pomeroy; Alvin Hartley; Kathleen Schmidt; Dr. Deirdre Bowen, Adina Robinson, Colleen Sachs.*

Guests: *Mitchell L. Johns Sr; Nicole Givens; Bryan Givens; Kelly McCabe; Chris Wellman; Todd Welton; Ken Fellows; Becky Thompson; Pat Lessard; Mark Mahnkey; Todd Hodgen; Margaret Wojcicki*

Staff: *Ellen Nolan; Mitchelin Wolff; Janet Wallace*

1. The workgroup convened. Members of the workgroup introduced themselves to Adina Robinson, a recently appointed workgroup member.
2. Members of the workgroup requested that staff supplement the information regarding King county income levels to clarify whether the figures used were gross or net income, and what the acronym CNMI represented. Information will be presented at the October 23 meeting.
3. The draft minutes from the September 13 meeting were presented. The draft minutes were amended to reflect that Representative Jim Moeller was present at that meeting. The minutes were approved as amended.
4. David Stillman addressed some administrative items. He reminded the workgroup members of the workgroup meeting ground rules, he also reminded subcommittee chairs to hold their members to the ground rules during subcommittee meetings. He indicated that staff are preparing material on federal incentives, which will be published. Staff will add material on the development of the present Washington state child support guidelines. David Spring will provide a suggested list of materials for posting. Representative Moeller provided the Dissolution task force interim report. Merrie Gough and Kathleen Schmidt offered to provide the report in electronic format so that it can be posted to the website.
5. The subcommittee on income provided a report and passed out a proposed draft of RCW 26.19.071 and RCW 26.19.075. Discussion followed. David Stillman asked if there was agreement on section 6, the imputation of income priorities. The workgroup agreed with section 6 as written.
6. Public comment was provided by Mark Mahnkey, Pat Lessard, Todd Hodgen, and Margaret Wojcicki

7. The subcommittee on the presumptive minimum and 45% limitation reported. The concern is how to address multiple families and make it fair. 45% should be a presumptive limitation with deviations in certain circumstances such as large families or child care expenses.
8. The economic table subcommittee reported. They do not have agreement on the upper end of the table and would like the committee of the whole to address this issue. Some members of the committee expressed concerns they had heard from other member of the bar wanting consistency and support figures for combined net incomes well above \$10,000. The Family Law Executive Committee of the WSBA is committed to advocating for an increase in the economic table to \$20,000. A member of the committee expressed his position that the economic table should be based on studies of the cost of raising children and that there are no studies that are valid beyond \$12,000. A portion of the October 23rd meeting will be allocated to bringing the discussion on the economic table to a conclusion.
9. The November 14 and December 4 meetings are designated primarily as drafting meetings.
10. The workgroup adjourned the regular meeting at 1:30
11. The workgroup convened the public forum at 2:00 P.M.
12. The public forum adjourned at 5:15 P.M.