

MINUTES (Approved by Workgroup on 11/30/07)

Child Support Schedule Workgroup
Meeting of October 22, 2007
SeaTac Airport
Central Auditorium

Attendees: David Stillman, Senator Jim Kastama, Representative Jim Moeller, Dr. Deirdre Bowen, Kathleen Schmidt, Dr. David Betson, Merrie Gough, Angela Cuevas, Jason Doudt, David Spring, Alvin Hartley, Traci Black, Kristie Dimak, ALJ Robert Krabill, The Honorable Christine Pomeroy
Staff: Ellen Nolan, Nancy Koptur, June Johnson
Guests: Greg Howe, Levi Fisher, David Hogan, Mark Mahnkey, Patricia Lessard, Trudes Tango, Joe Corum, Sani Bayer

- 1. Introductions.**
- 2. Agenda Reviewed.**
- 3. Draft Minutes of September 21 meeting.** Reviewed and adopted.
- 4. Administrative Business.** The group discussed: (1) videotaping of the meeting; (2) proposed ground rules for workgroup; (3) dates for future meetings (11/30/07 at SeaTac, 12/14/07 at SeaTac, 1/11/08 in Olympia, 2/21/08 in Olympia; dates and locations to be announced after meeting room reservations are secured).
- 5. Review of 2SHB 1009.** The group continued its review of the bill that formed the Workgroup. The group reviewed in detail the issues to be covered by the Workgroup, starting with Subsection (4)(i) and proceeding through the list to subsection (4)(n).
- 6. Public Comments.** Public comments were offered by Mark Mahnkey and Greg Howe.
- 7. Support Schedule Calculations.** Nancy Koptur, DCS staffer, facilitated a discussion of calculations under the Support Schedule, using PowerPoint and handouts.
- 8. Review of 2005 Workgroup Recommendations.** Ellen Nolan, DCS staffer, led a discussion of the recommendations made by the 2005 Workgroup.
- 9. Prioritization of Issues for the Workgroup.** Using a weighted voting system (three votes per each Workgroup member who was present at the time of the vote = 42 votes), the group voted for the issues they felt should be considered first. The three top vote-getters were Issue 6 (economic table – 12 votes); Issue 14 (residential schedule – 9 votes); and Issue 1 (children from other relationships/Whole Family Formula – 8 votes). Other vote totals were: Issue 2 (3 votes); Issue 3 (2 votes); Issue 4 (0 votes); Issue 5 (1 vote); Issue 7 (0 votes); Issue 8 (2 votes); Issue 9 (0 votes); Issue 10 (1 vote); Issue 11 (0 votes); Issue 12 (3 votes) and Issue 13 (1 vote).
- 10. Action Items:** (1) One workgroup member wanted to know what percentage of all child support orders entered in Washington are part of the DCS caseload (DCS is working on obtaining this information). (2) Another workgroup member thought it might be useful to study child support orders with an eye to the number

of children covered by the order, and looking at the combined net income of the parents (DCS has asked its statistical folks to see if we can mine the DCS database for this information). (3) Dr. Bowen suggested that it would be helpful to look at demographic information statewide, including income levels and educational levels of the parents (Dr. Bowen confirmed after the meeting that she would ask her research assistant to work on this project). (4) A workgroup member asked Dr. Betson for suggestions on what to read to learn about the economic table; Dr. Betson asked that workgroup members submit questions to him prior to the November meeting and he would compile a list of suggested reading.