

Child Support Advisory Committee Minutes
March 8, 2013
Botanical Center – Walsh Room
909 Robert D. Ray Drive
Des Moines, IA

Members / Alternates Present	Others Present	Members / Alternates Absent
Mr. David Jungmann	Ms. Carol Eaton	Mr. Greg Hughes
Mr. Dick Woods	Ms. Kylie Claycomb	Mr. Chris Robinson
Ms. Kathy Mika		Mr. Fred Scaletta
Ms. Maja Rater		Ms. Dodie Bauman
Honorable Eliza Ovrom		Ms. Suzanne Overton
Ms. Barbara Van Allen		Honorable Nancy Boettger
Ms. Evelyn Ocheltree		Honorable Janet Petersen
Ms. Debra Moore		Honorable Julian Garrett
		Mr. Matt Weichers
		Ms. Cherie Lawson

I. Welcome

Ms. Eaton called the meeting to order at 1:05, welcoming everyone.

II. Discuss / Approve December 2012 Minutes

Ms. Van Allen moved to approve the minutes for the December 14, 2012 meeting. Judge Ovrom seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

III. Bureau Chief's Report

A. Legislative Update

Ms. Eaton provided a handout with bills of interest to CSRU, including HF 109 (Child custody proceedings and educational setting), HF 471 (Payment of attorney fees related to TPR actions), and SSB 1106 (Government efficiency).

In addition, there were a couple of bills that CSRU had interest in but have not moved forward: a bill requiring that the father's name be put on the birth certificate in unwed births, and a bill requiring a minimum \$100 child support order and increasing nonsupport penalties.

CSRU did not have a legislative package this year.

B. Budget Update

Ms. Eaton gave a brief update on the budget. The Governor's Budget fully funds CSRU for SFY 2014. There have not been any budget numbers from the legislature yet. CSRU

has asked for \$1,024,229 in state funding in fiscal year 2014 and an additional \$696,149 in fiscal year 2015 to continue staffing at 459 FTEs. We are currently staffed at about 447 FTEs.

C. Performance Statistics

Ms. Eaton reviewed the handout *Performance Measure Statistics for February 2013*. She noted that for paternity, CSRU now counts all adoptions in the state, not just those on CSRU's caseload, which makes a big difference in meeting federal performance requirements for paternity establishment.

Ms. Eaton also noted that CSRU continues to see declines in collections and federal tax offsets. Overall, collections are down \$7M from last year. CSRU believes some of it is a result of the gradual decline of staff and the sluggish economy. CSRU is working hard to manage this by looking for efficiencies in how we work.

Ms. Eaton updated the committee on realignment strategies that CSRU has been working on to be more efficient. Interstate cases have been regionalized, which has helped CSRU to become more efficient by building relationships with other states. Location work is being specialized rather than being worked within each separate caseload. Specialized location workers use additional resources to find individuals who have been difficult to locate. License sanction and levy work has been moved to the EPICS unit in Waterloo in order to increase efficiency by housing this work in one location. Caseloads have been shifted across the state in an attempt to adjust cases per worker due to staffing shortfalls. In addition, customer website enhancements will be ready to go live at the end of the month that we hope will address some of the customer service demands.

IV. Overview of Guidelines Review Committee's Recommendations

Ms. Ocheltree and Judge Ovrom summarized the final report of the Supreme Court's Guidelines Review Committee, issued in December 2012. The committee considered all of CSAC's recommendations, but did not implement all of them. There is a comment period through March 26, 2013 before they become final. Members discussed the various recommendations.

V. Old Business

A. Review of New Member Research

Ms. Eaton updated the committee that she reached out to additional groups, as requested, and is in the process of explaining more about CSAC to them. Ultimately, DHS Council would need to approve any new members as they have oversight over CSAC.

VI. New Business

A. Discuss Role of CSAC Officers

Ms. Eaton requested to clarify a question that had arisen about the role of officers outside of committee meetings. Members agreed that the role of officers, as well as other members, is only within CSAC meetings or on committee business. Members also felt this direction was clear in the by-laws.

VII. Other Business

A. 2013 Chairperson Nomination/Election

Election of officers was deferred until next meeting to allow for current officers to be present.

B. 2013 Vice Chairperson Nomination/Election

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VIII. Adjourn

Ms. Van Allen made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Judge Ovrom and the meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

The next meeting will be held on June 14, 2013 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at the Ola Babcock Miller Building's Ombudsman Conference Room.