

**Child Support Advisory Committee Minutes
 April 10, 2015
 Botanical Center – Walsh Room
 909 Robert D. Ray Drive
 Des Moines, IA**

Members / Alternates Present	Others Present	Members / Alternates Absent
Christopher Robinson	Carol Eaton	Greg Hughes
Maja Rater	Kylie Claycomb	Honorable Eliza Ovrom
David Jungmann	Terry Tesar	Evelyn Ocheltree
Kathy Mika	Mark Rath	Suzanne Overton
Debra Moore		Matthew Weichers
Fred Scaletta		Cherie Lawson
Barbara Van Allen		
Dick Woods		
Honorable Mark Costello		
Honorable Rich Taylor		

I. Welcome

Mr. Robinson called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm and welcomed everyone.

II. Discuss / Approve October 2014 Minutes

Mr. Jungmann moved to approve the minutes for the October 10, 2014 meeting. Ms. Van Allen seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

III. Bureau Chief's Report

A. Web Update

Terry Tesar, Policy Specialist, gave updates on the CSAC Comment Option on the DHS Website and on Electronic Payments through the Child Support Customer Website.

Comment option possibilities include either an email link or web form link. Web forms are more secure and would be consistent with the current DHS comment form. A mock-up was presented on the web form option and the group agreed to move forward with this concept.

Obligation and court order information is now available to registered users on the Child Support Customer Website. Registrations to the site are averaging between 1,000-1,200 individuals per month.

Electronic payment option that launched on October 29, 2014 has received 1,765 payments for \$513,172 as of April 7, 2015. This option provides a convenience for the customer to pay with a debit or credit card from home and allows them the ability to pay quickly when there is impending enforcement action.

After a review of the estimated fees expected from electronic payments, the fee for processing was reduced from 3% to 2% on March 9, 2015. These fees will continue to be monitored to avoid charging any more than necessary.

B. Legislation

Ms. Eaton provided an update on the legislative session and mentioned a few bills of interest including HF 542, SF 451, HF 585/SF 383, and HF 315.

HF 542 – Child Support Recovery Unit bill was proposed by CSRU that addressed UIFSA 2008 amendments, suspension of support, and genetic testing. This bill did not survive funnel week.

Update: HF 500 was introduced on April 29, 2015 and was passed and signed on June 3, 2015.

SF 451 – Transfer of Jurisdiction in CINA cases provides for the issuance of a bridge order to transfer jurisdiction related to a child in need of assistance (CINA) case from the juvenile court to the district court. This bill passed by both the House and Senate.

HF 585/SF 383 – Address Confidentiality Program establishes an address confidentiality program in the Secretary of State's office for victims of domestic abuse, domestic abuse assault, sexual abuse, stalking, or human trafficking. This bill passed the House and was attached to the companion bill (SF 383) and placed on the unfinished business calendar in the Senate.

HF 315 – Definition of a Parent in Juvenile Court Actions amends the definition of a parent to include an individual whose parenthood was established by operation of law due to the marriage of the parents. This bill did not survive the second funnel deadline.

C. Performance Statistics

Ms. Eaton provided a handout on performance statistics and reviewed.

IV. Old Business

A. Guidelines Schedule

Ms. Claycomb provided a timeline on the last guidelines review process and a timeline for this review. Members discussed having multiple public hearings and locations, creating a more structured forum, and setting time limits for those wanting to speak to give all attendees an opportunity.

Members discussed proposal to move the next CSAC meeting up to September from October to meet this review timeline. There was discussion regarding holding

a two day meeting in early February 2016, rather than one, to discuss guidelines recommendations. Ms. Claycomb will research and propose meeting dates via email and the committee will have additional discussion at the Fall 2015 meeting to determine the public hearing and meeting schedule and then vote on the process for going forward.

B. By-laws Update

Ms. Eaton provided an updated version of the by-laws for voting. Members discussed the needed update to remove "County Attorneys" from the statute, and recommended to remove from pages 3 & 4. Mr. Jungmann motioned to take action, waive 2nd reading, and to set final reading/vote for next meeting. Ms. Van Allen seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Other Business

A. Point of Privilege

Mr. Woods provided information regarding the changes in school curriculum such as "see and say" phonics. Studies show that boys learn better with "intensive" phonics rather than the current "see and say" model. There is a group at the federal level looking at the impact this curriculum has had on men and how this has affected them in school, their career, and their daily lives. One area of noticeable impact relates to fathers and their ability to pay child support.

Ms. Eaton shared that our REACH grant program is an effort in Child Support to help fathers with job and employment services.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm.

The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2015 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the Des Moines Botanical Center Swartz Room.