

Child Support Advisory Committee Minutes
November 3, 2017
Botanical Center – Walsh Room
909 Robert D. Ray Drive
Des Moines, IA

Members Present: Christopher Robinson, Dick Woods, Evelyn Ocheltree, Honorable Amy Nielsen, Honorable James Carlin, Honorable Eliza Ovrrom, David Jungmann, Vicki Bahe, Jessica Wernimont.

Others Present: Carol Eaton, Kylie Claycomb, Mark Rath, Kate Bigg, Cathy Tesar, Stephanie Reynolds.

Members Absent: Honorable Mark Costello, Honorable Tony Bisignano, Barbara Van Allen, Katrina Carter, Maja Rater, Suzanne Overton, Greg Hughes.

1. Welcome

Ms. Eaton called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm and welcomed everyone.

2. Discuss / Approve October 2016 Minutes

Judge Ovrrom moved to approve the minutes for the May 5, 2017 meeting. Mr. Jungmann seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

3. Bureau Chief's Report

A. Program Update

Ms. Eaton announced that Scott Lekan was appointed as the new federal commissioner of the Office of Child Support Enforcement. Mr. Lekan had previously served as the Director for the Arizona Division of Child Support Services. A copy of the announcement will be included in the meeting follow-up materials.

Ms. Eaton provided an updated copy of the *Iowa Child Support Recovery Unit General Program Information* and reviewed. Regarding the *Special Services section*, she provided that rules are being worked on to combine both the REACH (*Reliable Employment and Child Support Help*) and POPP (*Parental Obligation Pilot Project*) programs effective next year.

RFI released regarding alternative payment options that CSRU may offer customers, such as kiosks or bill pay-type services at stores such as Walmart or Casey's. Currently, a credit/debit payment option is only available on the CSRU website and not in field offices.

B. Budget Update

Ms. Eaton advised that the SFY19 budget for CSRU has been submitted as a status quo budget with the SFY18 budget and then provided a handout on the CSRU budget pages and reviewed.

In SFY17, CSRU had more than 167,000 cases which are projected to remain level through SFY18 and SFY19. In SFY17, a total of \$322.3 million was collected of which \$17.0 million went to state and federal governments to offset the cost of public assistance. 2,791,973 child support payments were processed in SFY17. In SFY17, CSRU collected more than 73% of current support in the month due which compares to the national average of 65%.

Ms. Eaton provided handout summarizing child support debt and reasons why amount has continued to decline. Contributing factors include cases closed due to a deceased non-custodial parent, a permanently disabled parent, and paid/close cases.

C. Medical Support Update

New federal regulation requires that public coverage be considered when establishing and modifying orders for medical support. The following order of priority would be applied to any new orders for medical support effective October 1, 2018.

- If the custodial parent is currently providing coverage for the child under a health benefit plan other than public coverage, and the plan is available at reasonable cost, the custodial parent would be ordered to provide coverage.
- If the noncustodial parent is currently providing coverage for the child under a healthy benefit plan other than public coverage, and the plan is available at reasonable cost, the noncustodial parent would be ordered to provide coverage.
- If a health benefit plan other than public coverage is available at reasonable cost to the custodial parent, the custodial parent would be ordered to provide coverage.
- If a health benefit plan other than public coverage is available at reasonable cost to the noncustodial parent, the noncustodial parent would be ordered to provide coverage.
- If a health benefit plan other than public coverage is not available to either parent and the custodial parent has public coverage for the child, the custodial parent would be ordered to provide health care coverage and the noncustodial parent would be ordered to pay cash medical support.

Update: HF2414 was introduced on February 6, 2018 and was passed and signed by the Governor on April 11, 2018.

D. Performance Statistics

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

4. Old Business

A. Guidelines Update

Judge Ovrom and Ms. Ocheltree provided that the Iowa Supreme Court adopted the recommended changes submitted by the Supreme Court Guidelines Review

Committee effective January 1, 2018. A handout was provided that included a summary of the adopted changes.

5. New Business

A. 2018 Meeting Dates

Proposed upcoming committee meeting dates of May 4, 2018 and November 2, 2018 were shared with the group and sent out in follow-up communication to all committee members.

6. Other Business

On-going membership was discussed and it was suggested that a reach out to committee members who have not been present for the last few meetings be made to determine whether the current membership list needs to be amended.

7. Public Comment

None received.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 4, 2018, from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm at the Des Moines Botanical Center Walsh Room.