

Minutes

Child Support Schedule Workgroup

Subcommittee: Economic Table

Friday, May 5th, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

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Attendance

Members Appearing:

Amy Roark	Anneliese Vance-Sherman	Janelle Wilson
James Clark (Jim)	Kimberly Loges	<i>Facilitator: Janina Oestreich</i>
Sharon Redmond		<i>Note taker: Jana Ekstrom</i>

Public Attendees: None

Agenda Details

1. Welcome & Introductions – 1:00pm

- a. Ice Breaker
- b. Review of minutes from 4/20/23 meeting
 - i. Will be posted in DropBox for review
- c. Timeline
 - i. Next full workgroup meeting will be held on 5/19/23

2. Subcommittee Focus Discussion

- a. Assurance that subcommittee is all on the same page for the focuses to be able to make a recommendation
 - i. In Scope
 - Policy implementation plan recommendations
 - Expanding the economic table up above \$12,000 and a more reasonable starting point
 - a. If looking to expand the economic table above \$12,000, we need to know how it would look for the number of children
 - b. Anneliese is working to continue the curve from Jim's spreadsheets he previously created
 - i. What should the increase be?
 1. Subcommittee members agreed that \$50,000 is a good starting point
 2. One thing to consider, not just to consider the figures for right now, but also the longevity and relevance of the proposed table
 - Rounding up, making it clearer in a footnote, instructions or ranges for the combined monthly net income
 - a. Does the current process currently round up?
 - i. With review of the administrative process in SSGen, Janelle pointed out that it does round up as soon as it hits 50 and anything below it rounds down
 - ii. With regards to the court order process, Amy located it on the [Washington Courts Website](#) at the bottom of page six.
 1. Is there a better place to put it? Clearer verbiage?
 - a. Possibly make 'half-way' more concrete, \$50 instead?
 - b. Could be listed in several spots

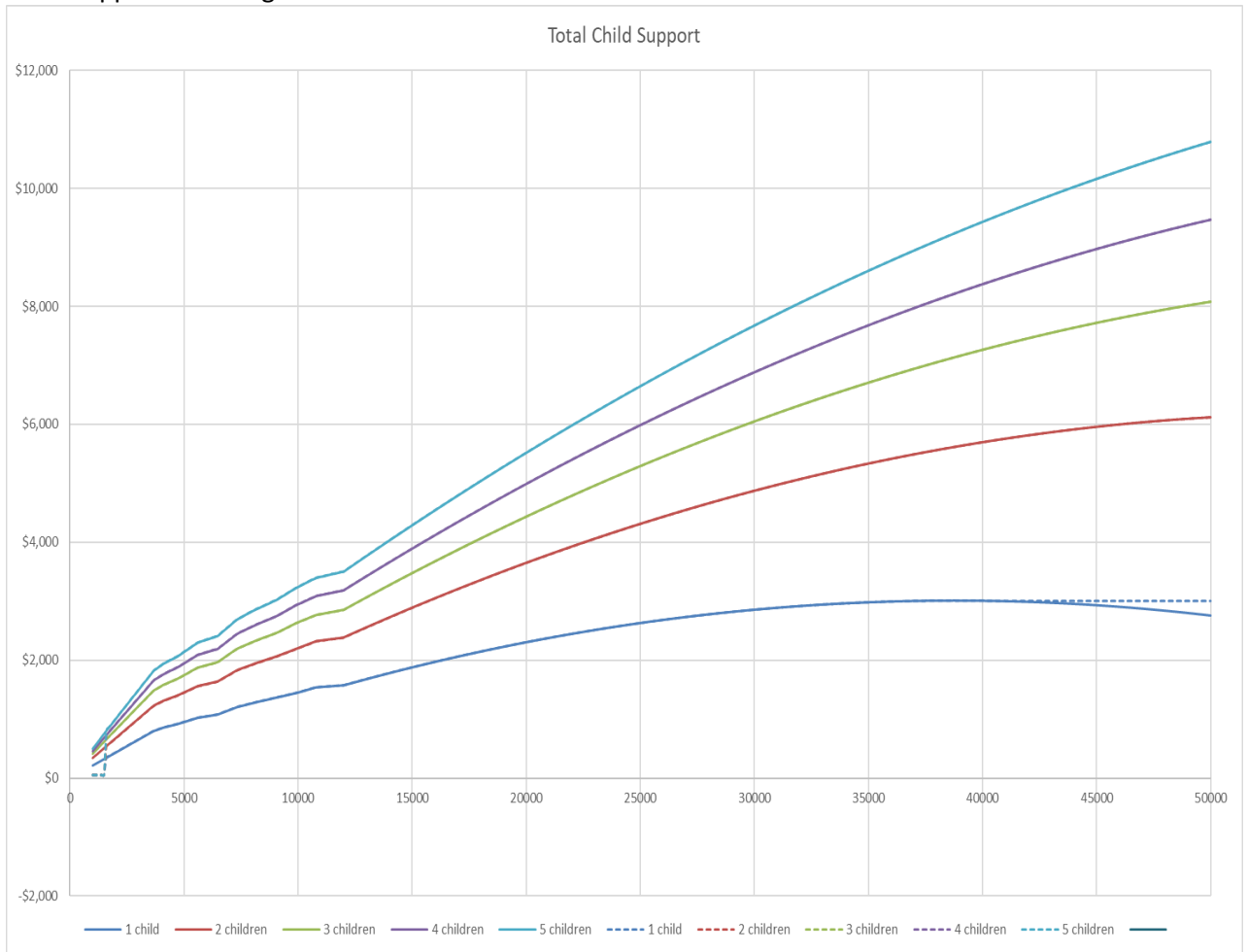
- c. Something to consider – it may be a bit strategic to put into statute. Every time needing to change the instruction may not be the best to put in from of legislation

ii. Out of Scope

- Looking at the model of the economic table itself

3. Sub-Subcommittee Report Out

- a. Anneliese provided her proposed graph building off of Jim’s previous spreadsheet. It continues a curve as opposed a straight line.



- i. The amount of children changes and increases to \$50,000
- ii. The starting point is at \$1570, which is the cutoff at the \$50 minimum order
- b. Jim added that when looking into the child support worksheets online, there is an option to have three parent worksheets
 - i. Janelle noted that the 2018 Uniform Parentage Act (enacted in 2019) allows the court to decide if it is more appropriate to have more than two parents. The Office of Administrative Hearings had to come up with a three parent worksheet for when there are more than two parents named
 - Two sets of parents means the child get more child support in the homes. The higher someone’s income is, the less percentage of child support that is paid compared to a lower income parent. Three parents mean less child support as the current threshold of \$12,000 is easily reachable

4. Tasks and Next Steps

- a. Anneliese is going to get the whole Excel workbook with the appropriate proposed amounts and curves and send to Janina for the next full workgroup meeting
 - i. In addition to this, will begin the write-up for recommendation language for the expansion of the economic table
- b. Jim is going to put together some scenarios based on Anneliese's expanded table
- c. Sharon will review the rounding up language to see if the language can be made more clear and then send to the workgroup for possible recommendation
- d. Kimberly will check to verify if the court process does round up, like the administrative process

Please make sure that handouts/spreadsheets are sent to SupportSchedule@dshs.wa.gov before the next full group meeting on 5/19/23, so that they can be available for workgroup members who are attending virtually

5. Meeting Adjourned at 2:05pm