

Minutes

Child Support Schedule Workgroup

Subcommittee: Residential Credit

Thursday, June 1st, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

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Attendance

Members Appearing:

Jim Clark	Gaston Shelton	
Kathleen O'Shea Senecal	Jennifer Turner	<i>Facilitator: Rachel Tumbleson</i>
	Kimberly Loges	<i>Notetaker: Ian Hall</i>

Public Attendees: Lila Bliss

Agenda Details

1. Welcome
2. Discuss feedback that was received from full workgroup
 - a. Add to recap: Going through court process is hard when pro se. Should be focused on making this as easy as possible.
 - i. Jim thinks the [data presented](#) is the best data available, we need to use something.
 - b. There are more concerns than just domestic violence survivors, such as Limited English Proficiency clients and other vulnerable populations
 - i. Concern with testimony being the only evidence in Office of Administrative Hearings phone hearings
 1. People are generally unaware of how to advocate for themselves, intimidation can cause silence
 2. Administrative Law Judges are trained to handle vulnerable populations
 - a. Can't advocate for parties
 - b. Can ask questions to get at the facts of the case
 3. DCS Claims Officers will reach out to parents, individually, prior to the actual hearing to gather information from parents.
 - c. Issues with data in [Residential Time Summary Report](#)
 - i. Attorneys don't use the residential time summary report. Results in skewed data.
 1. Data from 2016
 2. Form is relatively unused.
 3. Relies on data from Lincoln and Adams counties, which are likely not representative of Washington at large.
 - ii. Suggestion: Maybe the subcommittee should recommend that data be obtained?
 - iii. Data was viewed as something to support the group, not the strict basis for all of their determinations
 - d. Did the workgroup review [2015 CSSW Report Appendix IX](#) (Legal Services' Report to the Washington State Legislature in opposition to adoption of Dr. Robert Plotnick's Formula)?
 - i. Workgroup will need to review more thoroughly

- ii. Legal Services' report does suggest or support alternatives to the opposed recommendations
 - 1. Subcommittee isn't tied to Plotnick specifically, willing to find another model
- e. Offering residential credit to families will drastically change the practice of Family Law
 - i. Could lead to more litigation
- f. Is there a path to open this on the administrative side and leave the court side alone?
 - i. In court: There is discretion, but no formula
 - ii. Gather data from Court Orders to inform Office of Administrative Hearings on how to proceed?
- g. What does the process look like for the parent to prove non-compliance?
 - i. This is a process Office of Administrative Hearings and the courts would need to develop and incorporate
 - ii. 60 different judges in King County – many different interpretations of the statute
 - iii. How to prevent the weaponized use of the process?

3. Draft Recommendations

- a. Not addressed – another meeting will be scheduled

4. Decisions, Tasks, and Next Steps

- a. Reach out to Legal Services - Kim will reach out to Kaha
- b. Info on DCS Workgroup – Kathleen
- c. Self Support Reserve Alternative of the worksheet model, New Jersey's model (200% Federal poverty level) - Jim
- d. Appendix IX – Jen (everyone is encouraged to read this)