Kansas Child Support Guidelines Committee

Meeting location: OJA Conference Room

Date: 3/29/2019

Time: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Attendees: Y N
Hon. Tom Foster, chair X Hon. Constance Alvey X
Hon. Amy Harth X Sara Beezley X
Sherri Loveland X Charlie Harris X
Richard Samaneigo X Elizabeth Cohn X
Marc White X Doni Mooberry X
Amy Fletcher X Michelle Slinkard X
Ryan Brady X Amy Raymond, staff X

Minutes

1 Welcome—Hon. Tom Foster, chair

2 Review and Approve Minutes from the February 22, 2019 meeting
   - C. Harris moved to adopt the minutes from the February 22, 2019 meeting
   - S. Beezley seconded the motion
   - The committee approved the minutes

3 Economist report
   - The committee discussed the report; the report will be reviewed and discussed further at the April meeting
   - The committee would like Dr. Pelkowski to participate by phone at the April meeting; A. Raymond will make this request

4 Tax subcommittee—Doni Mooberry
   - Subcommittee will meet Monday April 22 at 3pm by conference call to discuss further recommendations

5 Shared Residency subcommittee—Michelle Slinkard
   - C. Harris provided an overview of the history of shared residency adjustment; provided 5 options along with example scenarios for the committee to review
   - C. Harris suggested leaving the equal parenting time (EPT) 50/50 formula along an increasing the parenting time adjustment from 5/10/15% to 10/20/30%.
   - Judge A. Harth asked how the change should be explained
   - S. Loveland suggested that the committee explain that after previous numbers were reviewed and worked with, the committee believed an adjustment was necessary; attempting to revise the percentages to make less of a gap
   - M. Slinkard suggested looking at EPT expense percentages and working back to figure out the parenting time percentage because EPT percentage is based on economic data
   - The committee discussed all the options
   - R. Samaniego suggested percentage credit based on percentage of time
   - A. Raymond will look at notes for historical discussion regarding shared parenting time
   - R. Brady suggested looking at a method to calculate a parenting time adjustment that looks at duplicated expenses such as housing; other states have used a method such as this
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| 6 | Case law subcommittee—Charlie Harris  
• No updates at this time. |
| 7 | Low income/incarcerated parents subcommittee—Elizabeth Cohn  
• Subcommittee is still looking at low income adjustments and how the guidelines should address this |
| 8 | Guidelines organization—Amy Raymond  
• The committee discussed how the guidelines should be organized going forward  
• It was decided that the forms should be on the website with a footnote in the guidelines  
• Committee discussed including child support schedules, child support worksheet, long form domestic relations affidavit, short form domestic relations affidavit, and the shared expense order in the guidelines  
• Committee discussed putting all other sample forms and examples on the website with a reference/footnote in the guidelines  
• E. Cohn moved to make these changes in the guidelines  
• R. Samaniego seconded the motion  
• The committee approved |
| 9 | Public Comment—10 minutes  
• Randy Spivey, representative from Bradley Software, presented data regarding the interstate pay differential (IPD)  
• Only 10% of the cases on the online version of Bradley Software use the IPD  
• There was minimal difference in switching from the income based calculation to cost of living based calculation  
• R. Spivey volunteered to run data if proposed changes are adopted; the committee asked that he do this  
• C. Harris asked for data regarding the number of child support worksheets that uses the shared residency adjustments  
• R. Spivey commented that a majority of the data is from pro se litigants who use the online software |
| 10 | Other items for discussion  
• A. Raymond discussed the timeline for the remaining revision period. The committee will strive to:  
  ➢ Discuss all recommendations from the subcommittees at the May meeting.  
  All recommendations from subcommittees should be submitted to A. Raymond a week prior to the May meeting  
  ➢ Submit recommendations to the Supreme Court in June  
  ➢ Request the recommendations be posted for public comment in July  
  ➢ Review public comments in August  
  ➢ Return to the Supreme Court with any subsequent recommendations in September |
| 11 | Agenda items for the April 26, 2019 meeting  
➢ All subcommittees  
➢ Discussion with Dr. Pelkowski |
| Next Meeting |
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| Meeting location: | OJA Conference Room |
| Date: | 4/26/19 |
| Time: | 9:30 am – 3:00 pm |