

Child Support Task Force Minutes

October 31, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

180 State Office Building

100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55155

Members Present: The following task force members were present on Wednesday, October 31, 2018:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rahya Iliff, Co-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodie Metcalf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Sablan, by phone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sen. Melissa Wiklund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shaneen Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rep. Peggy Scott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mia Wilson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Kontz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rep. Laurie Pryor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Smith	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jimmy Loyd, Co-Chair, by phone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Rossow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victoria Taylor	

DHS Staff:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tara Borton
<input type="checkbox"/> Julie Erickson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Raymond

Other Meeting Participants:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ahsan Butt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stacy Sjogren, facilitator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Megan Savage	

Welcome, Announcements and Meeting Objectives

Agenda review and introductions of the group. Task force agreed to alter the agenda to allow Brian Ulrich, a member of the public, to speak earlier in the meeting to accommodate his schedule. Stacy shared her reflection on progress to date and the work remaining.

Review and approval of October 4th Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved: The October 4th meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the Child Support Task Force website.

Reminder of Task Force Purpose and Decisions to Date

Lisa went over the most recent version of the visual guide of the task force's decisions surrounding the update of the basic support table.

Presentation on Findings from Quadrennial Review

DHS staff gave presentation on findings and recommendations of 2018 quadrennial review. Megan Savage presented the findings from the case review analysis and Ahsan Butt presented the findings from the Task Force survey conducted in 2017.

Comments from Brian Ulrich

Task Force heard remarks from member of the public, Brian Ulrich, who presented his findings relating to the resources available to custodial and noncustodial parents, and child support.

Self-Support Reserve Presentation, Discussion and Decision

Jessica gave presentation on the self-support reserve at various percentages of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) and the self-support reserve's effect on other obligations such as child care and medical as well as

minimum orders. The presentation incorporated a handout of scenarios at various levels of the self-support reserve using the low income adjustment within the table proposed by Amy Anderson. The group voted to adopt the low income adjustment with the caveat that it would be tailored to whatever amount of the self-support reserve that the group selects.

The Task Force discussed the options of presented, however, the group was unable to vote on particular percentage, or whether minimum order amounts will stay the same, increase, or decrease. Amy Anderson stated that she would be able to adjust the table according to whatever amount the Task Force decides the self-support should be. Amy Anderson recommended examining a self-support reserve at 140% of FPG. The Task Force asked Amy Anderson to prepare an updated table with this self-support reserve amount and she said she would be able to provide at the next meeting. The Task Force also identified some action items for DHS staff to provide at the next meeting that would aid their decision-making.

Decision: The Task Force voted to adopt the low-income adjustment in the table with an adjustment for the self-support reserve that the Task Force will determine.

Tax Adjustments Discussion

The group did not have time to discuss whether or not a tax adjustment is necessary.

Wrap Up and Look Ahead

Upcoming decisions will be: Amount of the self-support reserve, amount of minimum orders, whether a tax adjustment is necessary, how to adjust the table at high incomes, and how to adjust for nonjoint children. The group will also dedicate time to discuss terminology at the next meeting, as there is concern that the labels of “noncustodial parent” and “custodial parent” are offensive to parents.

Public Comment Meeting

1. Mike
 - Concern about accuracy of data, lack of publicity for Task Force meetings and definition of “extreme hardship”

New Action Items

1. Amy Anderson will update the B4 table with the low-income adjustment for an SSR amount of 140% of FPG.
2. Jessica will provide scenarios for an SSR at 140% FPG as well as data on issues regarding minimum support orders and collection rates, and self-employed obligors or obligors with imputed income.
3. Jessica will do more research into the other states’ approaches to minimum orders and present the findings at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Room 500N of the State Office Building, St. Paul, MN