Georgia Commission on Child Support Economic Subcommittee Meeting Dr. Roger Tutterow, Chair

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Meeting Summary

The Economic Subcommittee ("Subcommittee") of the Georgia Commission on Child Support ("Commission") held this meeting via videoconferencing using Zoom. Dr. Roger Tutterow, Chair of the Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Five of the ten Subcommittee members attended:

Dr. Roger Tutterow, Chair, Chuck Clay, Representative Houston Gaines, Mark Rogers, and Jamie Rush

Staff attorney, Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez, confirmed that a quorum was not reached. Since the Subcommittee's meeting in June 2021, a new Commission member, Christina L. Scott, joined the Subcommittee bringing membership to ten. Only five members were in attendance, and six are needed for quorum. Dr. Tutterow noted that if quorum was not reached before the end of the meeting, a vote on approval of the minutes from the June 4, 2021, Economic Subcommittee Meeting would be held via evote.

Since the Subcommittee's June 2021 meeting, two public listening sessions were held via Zoom to collect public comment, and written public comments were collected via the Commission's website. Staff organized all public comments—those received in writing through the Commission's website and those given verbally during the public listening sessions—into a spreadsheet organized by subject matter. Dr. Tutterow noted that the Economic Subcommittee would reflect on all the public comments and that those comments will be shared with the economist who will conduct the 2022 Economic Study. Dr. Tutterow also noted that written public comments will continue to be collected through the Commission's website until 10/31/2021, bringing the public comment period for the 2022 Economic Study to three full months (August, September, and October 2021). Executive Program Manager Elaine Johnson noted that there were public and judicial surveys conducted in 2019 as part of the Low-Income Deviation Study Committee and the Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee and that those survey responses will also be shared with the economist.

Subcommittee members reviewed the issues identified by the public comments and discussed those that are appropriate for further consideration by the Economic Subcommittee and those that need to be referred to other Child Support Commission Subcommittees or Study Committees.

The scope of service for the contract for the 2022 economic study was briefly discussed. That contract has not yet been drafted. Dr. Tutterow will review that scope of service and welcomes input from fellow Subcommittee members. The size of the case sampling for the 2022 Economic Study was also briefly discussed.

Dr. Tutterow thanked staff and his fellow Subcommittee members. A next meeting date will be set based on what transpires at the October 15, 2021, Child Support Commission meeting and developments with the contract for the 2022 Economic Study.