

Georgia Child Support Commission
Low-Income Deviation Study Committee

Wednesday, July 31, 2019
10:00 am to 11:30 am

Present: Judge Emory Palmer; Sabrina Rivers; Lauren Cartright; Liz Schriber; Ryan Bradly; Erica Thornton; Ross Brockway; Kenneth Sleets; Kurt Bryan; Jamila Coleman; Mark Rogers; Shirley Champa; Wayne Slear (phone); Belinda (phone); Alice Limehouse (phone); Laurie Dyke (phone); Judge Amanda Baxter; Selinda Handsford (phone); Shafeka Hashash (phone); Steven Berk; Aimee Maxwell; Elaine Johnson; Latoinna Lawrence

- I. Judge Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:31 am. He stated if there is anything anyone would like to place on the agenda, please contact Elaine Johnson in order to do so.
- II. The cyber-attack was discussed. The Child Support Calculator was not affected, but most of the documents have been encrypted. The history regarding Child Support is gone, but minutes and such from previous meetings are still available. The webmaster has created a business card website for the Child Support Commission. You will be able to pull up the child support calculator from the following website: csc.georgiacourts.gov. They were also to create an IDO website for private non 4D cases. The member roster was also updated by having each attendee in person review the form and make changes as needed.
- III. The notebook contents were discussed next. Everyone was given a version of the current 19-6-15 statute. It was released on Legislative website July 8th, 2019. They also received a copy of the memorandum, written by Jill Raddlin (former staff attorney). On the second to the last page, the Council of the Superior Court Judges, made a recommendation for the commission to conduct a study. The GA State Law Students created a survey to see what states we need to speak with and see if anyone has another method.
- IV. Meeting Purpose and Goals. Elaine encouraged everyone to read the information in Jill's memo. The Law requested a Low-Income Deviation. On page four of the memorandum is the last version of what we have today. Elaine Johnson and Aimee Maxwell discussed why we are conducting the Low-Income Deviation study committee.
- V. The GA State memo is dated May 10th. Elaine and Aimee made edits through the survey. The memo addresses Low Income Deviation and Parenting Time. Judge Emory Palmer requested we discussed the final federal rule and why states are doing what we are, but Elaine stated we do not have enough data on what our current Low-Income Deviation looks like from real case data and worksheets. This committee can investigate this issue deeper. A soft copy of the 50 states will be sent out to everyone. The Federal government changed

the way they look at Child Support. They want the states to (each quadrennial report) review the Low-Income Deviation and Parenting Time Deviations and see if any changes are needed. Ross Brockway and intern Natalie (Georgia Justice Project) has a version of their 50 States survey and they have different information that will be reviewed at the next meeting.

- VI. Per Ross Brockway, he encouraged everyone to read the 79 Federal Register at 68580. Parental accountability was mentioned to see if we have any input to see if the deviations are being used. Judge Palmer closed the meeting. He would like for people to come up with specific things to make processes better. If anyone has concrete proposals, contact Elaine Johnson, she will get with Judge Palmer and will try to include it at the next Low-Income Deviation meeting. Many people were interested in the idea of the Self Support Reserve. All attendees who were on the phone will receive their notebooks at the next meeting in person or by soft copy. Ross Brockway has an email regarding his study of the 50 states survey and the 79 Federal Reserve at 68580. He will email it to Elaine Johnson. We might create a timeline for the next meeting. DHS will create and send over a survey to the Judges and Lawyers to ask them 5 questions. She will work with Elaine to create the surveys. Judge Palmer will speak with Elaine Johnson to set the next meeting date, preferably a month out.