

Georgia Child Support Commission
Parenting Time Deviation Study Committee

Meeting Summary
Friday, August 30, 2019
10:00 am to 11:30 am

Present: Judge Katie Connell; Judge Warren Davis (phone); Pat Buonodono (phone); Wayne Slear; Kevin Bradley; Selinda Handsford; Sarah Mauldin (phone); Johanna Kiehl; Kathleen Sterne (phone); Barbara Gibson; Mindy Pillow (phone); Paul Johnson (phone); Jamila Coleman; Carol Walker (phone); Michael Manely (phone); Elaine Johnson; Noelle Lagueux-Alvarez; Latoinna Lawrence

- I. Katie Connell opened the meeting at 10:30 am. The cyber-attack was briefly discussed, the member roster was passed around if anyone needed to make updates, and Elaine Johnson discussed all materials within the notebooks.
- II. This study committee will provide a report to the Child Support Commission by the end of 2020. That report may include recommendations for changes to the statute but is not required to do so. A survey was sent out to the Judges which asked, "Should there be a presumptive parenting time adjustment in the Child Support Worksheet?" Only four responses were received stating they were against making parenting time a presumptive adjustment. The group discussed developing an additional survey to be accompanied by a cover letter from Katie. The group discussed audiences for the survey and suggested creating a Judicial survey to be presented at the Judges Conference in January 2020 as well as a practitioner survey that can be distributed at the Family Law Section meeting in January, the Child Support SAG meeting in February and to other groups. Additional survey and comment targets were discussed and may include DFCS, custodial and non-custodial parents and DC advocates.
- III. The need for additional data on Georgia and other states was discussed as well. We are trying to get a picture of how the current deviation works in practice. Katie will invite Dr. Tutterow to the next meeting to present economic data. Information on other states may be more difficult to obtain. All 50 states were divided alphabetically into three equal groups for additional study by subcommittees. The groups will report back in more depth than the fifty-state overview created by GSU students. The headliners for each group will be Michael Manely, Pat Buonodono and Kevin Bradley. This is an informational gathering exercise and members should include whatever they find. Committee members will be assigned to state groups shortly. The group also discussed issues to focus on in our work, including:

What is the difference of parenting time? How should it be measured (days, hours, overnights?)

- What costs should be considered?
- How does the BSCO treat parenting time? Is it assumed in the basic amount? How should it be handled in the BCSO going forward?

- IV. The next meeting date will be set after determining Dr. Tutterow's availability. Committee members will be assigned to a state review subcommittee soon. Everyone will receive a committee roster that includes contact information. Anyone who attended the meeting by phone should contact Elaine to arrange a copy of the binder via in person or soft copy.