

Child Support Task Force Minutes

Wednesday, March 29th, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Room 300N, State Office Building

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

Members Present: The following task force members were present on Wednesday, March 29, 2017:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jimmy Loyd, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Senator Melissa Wiklund	<input type="checkbox"/> Senator Mary Kiffmeyer
<input type="checkbox"/> Tammie Campbell, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative Peggy Scott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Representative Laurie Pryor
<input type="checkbox"/> Melinda Hugdahl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Jorgenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Kontz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodie Metcalf	<input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Rossow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Sablan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Vang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pamela Waggoner

Other Meeting Participants: Charlie Petersen, facilitator; Kathleen Heaney (for Melissa Rossow); Anna Andow (for Melinda Hugdahl)

DHS Staff: Brynn Rhodes, Bruce Erickson, Jennifer Sommerfeld, Shaneen Moore, Bennett Hoffman, Julie Erickson, Tara Borton, Denise Lundgren, Shauna Hoelscher, Brian Balk, Lydia Monahan

Other Attendees: Dr. Jane Venohr, presenter

1) Welcome: Agenda review and introductions of the group.

2) Updates:

- The candidates to replace Elizabeth Rusinak-Mowers as Task Force Administrator will be interviewed next week.
- The economist RFP evaluation has been concluded and a vendor chosen. The Center for Policy Research was the sole bid on the RFP and was found to meet minimum qualifications by the evaluation panel. Contract negotiations will now begin.

3) Review of February meeting minutes:

- Minutes approved:
 - The February meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the Child Support Task Force [website](#).
- Action Items:
 - The child support task force website has been updated with links to the most recent [USDA report](#) on the cost of raising a child and a link to the [Census Bureau website](#).

4) Presentation by Dr. Venohr: The majority of the meeting consisted of Dr. Venohr's presentation. Her report discussed the various approaches and elements of economic models used to determine the cost of raising a child used in establishing child support guidelines in the United States. Dr. Venohr also compared Dr. Comanor's report methodology (presented to the task force last month) to the Minnesota guidelines table and the USDA method. Dr. Venohr's [report](#) can be found on the Task Force website.

5) Action Items:

- A link to a report from Orange County will be posted on the Task Force website: [How Do Child Support Order Amounts Affect Payments and Compliance?, Orange County Dept. of Child Support Services](#)

6) Public Comments:

- There were no public comments at the end of the meeting, however, members of the public asked questions during Dr. Venohr's presentation.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held on April 26th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in room 300N of the State Office Building.