

Approved Minutes
Friend of the Court Bureau
Advisory Committee Meeting
State Court Administrative Office, Lansing, MI
Thursday, April 27, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Howard, Peter Dever, Shawn Perry, Anthony Paruk, Numa Cabrera, Amy Hartmann, Suzanne Hoseth and Lynn Bullard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karyn Ferrick, and Kathryne O’Grady

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Wright, Steve Capps, Kelly Howard and Angel Sorrells

EX-OFFICIO: Jules Hanslovsky

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

2. Administrative Matters

a. Approval of the February 8, 2007

A motion was made by Ms. Perry and seconded by Dr. Cabrera to approve the minutes as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

- i. Jon Georgen of Macomb County discussed retroactive arrearages of child support and the automatic enforcement policy and procedure. He continues to receive notices of being reported to various credit bureau reporting agencies on a weekly basis. Because of this, his bank accounts have been levied, his taxes intercepted and passport revoked. Is there a mechanical process ary in the statewide computer system and is there a plan to fix this problem?

4. Correspondence – None.

5. New Business

a. Thank You letter to the CSPR Group

It has been expressed that their work has been noticed and appreciated.

b. State Parenting Time Guidelines

The last Guidelines were done in 2001. A Committee was convened to develop guidelines under the Access & Visitation Grant. It is a guideline. There is no law that requires it to be used. The Guidelines were distributed to all the courts and it is accessible on the State Court Administrative Office at www.courts.mi.gov .

The federal government only funds child support enforcement, not parenting time enforcement. Neither the Michigan Legislature, nor Congress has authorized funding.

Mr. Janslovsky suggests placing a disclaimer stating that this Guideline is a voluntary suggestion, and it is a unofficial document, and each county has their own particular parenting Guideline that is available on their friend of the court website or at their local office.

Ms. Perry made a motion to table this discussion and that committee members bring suggestions to the next meeting for further discussion. Mr. Dever seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Ongoing Updates and Correspondence – None.

d. Hot Topics

Ms. Bullard suggests when finances permit, that the Bureau create a updated video of the Overview of the responsibilities of the FOC and the rights of the litigant. It can also be placed on the State Court Administrative website.

6. Closing

a. Members Closing Comments – None.

b. Final Public Comment

c. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m. The next meeting is October 26, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darla Brandon
Family Services