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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

October 30, 2017

4:30-5:30 pm

**Advisory Body
Members Present:**

Hon. Mark A. Juhas, Co-Chair, Hon. Sue Alexander, Hon. Craig E. Arthur, Mr. Robert J. Bayer, Hon. Tari L. Cody, Hon. Carol D. Codrington, Hon. Roger Chan, Ms. Mary Majich Davis, Ms. LaRon Dennis, Ms. Sylvia Deporto, Hon. Michael Gassner, Hon. Susan M. Gill, Ms. Catherine Hohenwarter, Hon. B. Scott Thomsen, and Hon. Adam Wertheimer

**Advisory Body
Members Absent:**

Hon. Jerilyn L. Borack, Co-Chair, Hon. Brian Back, Hon. Carolyn M. Caietti, Hon. Michael J. Convey, Mr. Kevin Darrow Cunningham, Mr. G. Christopher Gardner, Hon. Suzanne Gazzaniga, Hon. Rebecca C. Hardie, Ms. Leslie Heimov, Mr. John Daniel Hodson, Ms. Patricia Lee, Ms. Sharon Lawrence, Mr. Miranda Neal, Hon. Kimberly J. Nystrom-Geist, Hon. Annemarie G. Pace, Mr. Brian J. Richert, Ms. Sudha Shetty, Hon. Patrick Tondreau, Hon. Heidi K. Whilden, Dr. Cindy Van Schooten, and Hon. Daniel Zeke Zeidler

Others Present:

Ms. Chelsie Bright, Ms. Charli Depner, Ms. Audrey Fancy, Ms. Tracy Kenny, Ms. Anna Maves, and Mr. Garry Slossberg

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The staff called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., and took roll call.

Approval of Minutes

There are no meeting minutes to approve.

The committee will review the Child Support Guideline Study for approval to move on to the Judicial Council (via the PCLC). Note that no public comments were received on this item (beyond those from the prior comment period).

The annual report on those trainings that were approved pursuant to CRC rules 5.210 (g) and 5.230 (e) for child custody evaluators, mediators, and recommending counselors. The committee is responsible, along with staff, for approving these trainings.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEM 1)

Item 1

Review of the Statewide Uniform Child Support Guidelines: Legislative Report and Recommendations

The committee discussed the report and recommendations submitted by the contractor and the public comments submitted on the report. The committee recommended that the report be

submitted to the PCLC and the Judicial Council for its approval and transmission to the legislature with two modifications to the recommendations made by the contractor. These modifications were noted in its letter to the legislature accompanying the report. The modifications to the approved by the committee would: (1) recommend against a statutory change to require that the reasons for a deviation from the child support guideline amount be in writing as that change might be burdensome and the underlying objective could be obtained via improved training and forms, and (2) suggesting that a proposed statutory change to require child support calculators to generate one presumptive amount including the low income adjustment be revised to require that the calculators generate a presumptive amount and a range of possible orders.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Approved by the advisory body on February 1, 2018.