

Domestic Relations Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
November 19, 2009

The Domestic Relations Committee met at the Marriott North on Thursday, November 19, 2009, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

1. Members present. Craig J. Bobay, Karen M. Love, Sheryl L. Lynch, Lynn Murray, Nanette K. Raduenz, Frederick A. Schurger, Debbie J. Shook, Richard R. Stalbrink, Dean A. Young and William C. Fee, Chair, were present.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz, Indiana Judicial Center provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Amber Njau, Project Manager; Jan Raffauf, Policy Analyst; and Cynthia Longest, Deputy Director, Child Support Bureau; Lindsey Borschel, Web Coordinator and Daryl Stites, Web Application Developer were also present.
4. Child support calculator reviewed.
 - a. Lindsey Borschel and Daryl Stites demonstrated a prototype or beta version of the child support step by step calculator. Lindsey Borschel said the forms will be saved at the request of the user for 90 days on the website. Committee members did not feel they were qualified to review the privacy issues involved in whether these forms should be saved on the state's website. Lindsey Borschel explained the Division of State Court Administration and the Supreme Court will have final approval of the calculator.
 - b. Committee members discussed a change needed for the HIPW. "Is the Amount on Line D equal to or less than the amount on Line B? This revision to the HIPW is based on the language from Guideline 7, p. 42, the definition of reasonable cost. It describes the reasonable cost as one which, "...does not *exceed* five percent (5%) of the weekly gross income of the parent obligated to provide medical support." In addition, the Commentary to Guideline 7, p. 45 also indicates, "...The cost of the health insurance premium cannot *exceed* five percent of the parent's weekly gross income."[emphasis added]. Therefore, the added language indicated above places the form in line with the text of the guideline and commentary. This change was adopted unanimously by voice vote of the Domestic Relations Committee at their November 19 meeting of the committee.
 - c. The committee members agreed on revisions in the calculator to the language when a custodial parent pays a noncustodial parent child support.
 - d. Committee members agreed to review the calculator from a test website when ready and permit persons who test new programs at JTAC to test the calculator as well.
5. Future meeting dates. Members of the committee agreed to meet again on Friday, January 22, 2010 at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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