

Child Support Guidelines Committee

Date: 4/28/2023 Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Meeting location: Kansas Judicial Center	Attendees:	Y	N		Y	N
	Hon. Keven O’Grady, chair	X		Marc White	X	
	Hon. Constance Alvey	X		Richard Samaniego	X	
	Hon. Eric Godderz	X		Ryan Brady	X	
	Charlie Harris	X		Sara Beezley	X	
	Sherri Loveland	X		Marcie Martinez	X	
	Doni Mooberry	X		Susan Mayer	X	
	Michelle Slinkard	X		OJA Staff:		
				Amy Raymond	X	

Minutes

1	Welcome
2	Approve Minutes from 3/24/2023 meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved
3	Economist report – Guest – Dr. Jodi Pelkowski <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Pelkowski reviewed the revised proposed child support tables and provided an analysis comparison of the Betson-Rosen method. She presented graphs showing how the proposed child support tables compare to neighboring states and a chart showing the percentages of families at various income levels. She stated that the revised tables have child support amounts consistently with or higher than neighboring states. • Dr. Pelkowski recommended increasing the cap of the child support tables to \$20,000 combined monthly income. The extended formula has been updated as well. • The committee voted to adopt Dr. Pelkowski’s proposed revisions including increasing the cap of the tables to \$20,000. A. Raymond will make sure the documents provided by Dr. Pelkowski are distributed to committee members. • Dr. Pelkowski indicated she had reviewed the proposed version of the Cost of Living Differential appendix from C. Harris and has minor revisions. • The committee discussed concerns about the Equal Parenting Time (EPT) formula resulting in \$0 or less than \$0 child support. Dr. Pelkowski, S. Loveland, C. Harris, M. Slinkard, and R. Samaniego will meet to discuss proposed revisions to the EPT worksheet that will resolve this problem. • The committee asked Dr. Pelkowski to move forward with the final report. The committee asked her to provide revised language for II.C Child Support Schedules to reflect generally what she has done pertaining to the revision to the KSGI currently in progress.
4	Review Section II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee discussed and approved S. Loveland’s proposed revisions to the definition of direct expenses (Section II.A.1). • The committee discussed Section II.D regarding income of wage earners. The language will be revised to specifically indicate that all other types of income must be disclosed to include recipient’s income. C. Harris will draft proposed language for the committee to consider. • The committee discussed language regarding formulas for calculation and payment of bonuses. The committee decided that the proposed language should be made into a separate appendix with language that these are two options for the court and parties to use pertaining to the handling of bonuses but that the parties or the court could use. M. White suggested that, if the monthly average option for counting additional income is used, there needs to be language included in

	each Divorce or Paternity decree requiring the KPC be notified when bonus or additional income is included. C. Harris and M. White will attempt to come with language for discussion at the May meeting.
5	Review Section III <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee did not review this section during the meeting.
6	Review Section IV <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee did not review this section during the meeting.
7	Other items for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September meeting is rescheduled for September 29, 2023

Next Meeting
Date: 5/26/2023 Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Meeting location: Kansas Judicial Center