

South Dakota Commission on Child Support
Conference Call
June 29, 2016

Present: Judge Joni Cutler, Senator Arthur Rusch, Tom Lee, Dan Todd, Gail Stoltenburg, Bobbi Bohnet, Corey Wipf, Suzanne Starr, David McVey and Carmin Sommer.

Absent: Representative Brian Gosch.

Gail started off stated this meeting is to get things started off. Federal regulations require the guidelines to be reviewed every 4 years. Tom Lee and Representative Brian Gosch served on the 2012 Commission. Suzanne Starr is with UJS and serves as a nonvoting member and provides input. Carmin Sommer is a Program Specialist and will be taking notes. Gail had everyone introduce themselves.

Gail thanked everyone for participating in the Commission. She stated it isn't a huge amount of time but there is some travel involved.

2012 Commission talked about paternity disestablishment. There wasn't really a process in place and the parent was still required to pay child support even though they weren't the father. Laws were established to assist those individuals and this was a big item during the 2012 Commission. This won't be revisited unless some issues come up.

Gail advised Judge Joni Cutler has indicated she is willing to serve as the chair for the Commission. She has experience in working with the legislature and being a chair there. Senator Rusch moved that Joni be appointed as the chair. Tom Lee seconded the motion. Nobody opposed. Gail thanked Joni for agreeing to be the chair.

Gail advised DSS contracts with Jane Venohr of Center for Policy Research. Jane is hoping to review SD guidelines and provide a summary sometime between July 18 and 22. She looks at SD income and expenses and looks at where the guidelines should be. If Jane can provide sooner, Gail will email it out to everyone as soon as received. Jane will be involved by phone during a few meetings so she can provide an explanation of how she arrived at the amounts.

Gail advised there are some proposed rules pending at the federal level yet. Gail has heard that she should know in a couple of weeks if the rules will be finalized or not. If finalized, Jane will take those into consideration.

Gail advised the report is due to the Governor by December 31. Meetings are usually done by early fall. The 1st meeting is in Pierre with commission members meeting in the afternoon and public meeting from 6-8pm. Aberdeen participates by DDN. There is one meeting in Rapid City and one in Sioux Falls with commission meeting in the afternoon and public hearing in the evening.

Gail stated July 20 appears to work for everyone. Commission will meet in Pierre from 12:30-5pm and public hearing will be from 6-8pm. Gail stated the following dates appear to work as well: August 9, 23-26, 30-31 and Sept 21-30. Dan Todd stated Mondays usually don't work as that is when Judges schedule court hearings. Senator Rusch stated he would be in Pierre on September 20 for another meeting so the 21st will work for him.

Gail will call around for venues and then send out an email with proposed dates and locations. Everyone can let her know which dates will work and meeting dates will be scheduled.