

AGENDA
FRIEND OF THE COURT BUREAU
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Michigan Hall of Justice
925 W. Ottawa St., Lansing, Michigan
Friday, November 16, 2018

✓	Elizabeth Stomski	✓	Peter Dever	✓	Doug Howard	✓	Gail Towne
✗	Lynn Ann Bullard	✓	John Frasier	✓	Guy Jacobson	✗	Lindsay Vogelsberg
✓	Dr. Julia Cunningham	✗	Sara Hodits	✓	Rahman Shareef	✓	Amy Yu

1. Call to Order

2. Administrative Matters

- a. Review minutes from February and May 2018 – passed without review
- b. Correspondence as of last meeting (May 2018) – none

3. Public Comment – none

4. Old Business

- a. Domestic Violence Best Practices Guide Update – just about done; goal is to have all sections back from review group and up to Administrative Review by end of this year.
- b. Grant Updates:
 - i. PASS (Muskegon) – no new update
 - ii. SEED (Muskegon – evaluation) – no new update
 - iii. Safe and Together – no new update
- c. Training updates
 - i. MFSC Northern Region (May 22) – FOCB staff presented at the Michigan Family Support Council (MFSC) Northern Region annual training session on intergovernmental case processing and case management issues. Both presentations were well-received, and it is likely FOCB will be invited to present at the group’s 2019 conference.
 - ii. Border Conference – In June, Representatives from Michigan’s child support program [FOCB, Office of Child Support (OCS) staff and local caseworkers] met with Wisconsin Child Support Staff and Wisconsin Tribal Child Support liaisons. The all-day meeting allowed the three groups to work through case processing issues, and troubleshoot a few of each jurisdiction’s more difficult cases.
 - iii. Upper Peninsula County Training – Since Michigan Child Support Program participants were going through the Upper Peninsula for the border conference, the FOCB asked FOC Directors from counties in the Upper Peninsula if they would like to arrange a training. FOC Directors requested training on intergovernmental issues. The same group that attended the all-day Border Conference held a “round table” discussion for caseworkers/prosecuting attorney staff to ask any intergovernmental based questions. The training went extremely well – the only concern that was voiced was that the training was too short (half-day training).
 - iv. MFSC Annual Fall Conference (Boyne Mountain) – We’re waiting for evaluations, but overall, the conference was great. SCAO offered about 70% of the training sessions. This year’s agenda included topics such as intergovernmental case processing, domestic violence and child support, custody and parenting time case law updates, child support formula computations, and child support enforcement.
 - v. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) – Steve was unable to attend the November FOCB Advisory meeting to present on the topic, but he has indicated that he would be willing to present on the topic at the February 2019 meeting. Members can read more about ACEs [here](#).

5. New Business

- a. FOCB Update
 - i. Trainings
 - 1. Michigan Judicial Institute’s Friend of the Court Staff Training – the annual training has been set for January 23-25, 2019. The training will be over 2 ½ days and held at the Hall of Justice and the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Some of the training topics include:
 - a. Custody, parenting time, and child support enforcement

- b. Domestic violence “best practice” manual/ mandated reporting
 - c. Medical marijuana and its impact on child support
 - d. Implicit Bias
 - e. Immigration
 - f. Advanced Custody/Parenting Time Enforcement
 - g. Customer Service
 - h. Custody and parenting time interviews and report writing
 - i. ACEs
 - j. Vicarious Trauma
2. Partner Forum – This year’s annual Partner Forum was held on November 13, 2018. Each year, all of the child support program’s work improvement team (WIT) members come together for a half-day training and half-day WIT meeting. This year’s half-day training session was on behavioral interventions and how people learn, specifically on how little changes can have large impacts. Michigan’s child support program has a workgroup that is working to identify potential communication barriers with our customers.
- ii. Publications
- 1. Model Handbook – the Handbook has completed its biannual update, and is just about ready for release to the local FOC/PA offices upon request. No substantial changes from the 2016 version, just some language clean-up and improvements for readability.
 - 2. Brochures – the brochures’ biannual review is almost complete as well; there are only two more review steps before the updated versions are published. Again, no substantial changes from the 2016 versions, just improvements for readability.
 - 3. Michigan Child Support Formula Committee Update – The Committee received appointments through 2019 to start review of the Formula. No meetings have happened yet, but the Committee is starting to review the formula a lot earlier than usual to accommodate everyone’s busy schedule.
- b. Standing Agenda Items for Update
- i. Legislative Update: The legislative session is almost over, and the FOCB is not anticipating any movement on any FOCB-related legislation by the end of this year.
 - ii. Case Law Update: Since May, there have been five published Court of Appeals opinions in regards to child support, custody, and/or parenting time.
 - 1. ***Ludwig v Ludwig***, 501 Mich. 1075 (2018) – best interest factors to be considered before reunification
 - 2. ***Marik v Marik***: 501 Mich. 918 (2018) – established custodial environment determination
 - 3. ***Parks v Niemiec***, ___ Mich App ___ (2018) (Docket No. 337823) – Statute of limitations on child support obligation
 - 4. ***Nadimpali v Byrraju***, ___ Mich App ___ (2018) (Docket No. 340405) – UCCJEA and exclusive, continuing jurisdiction
 - iii. OCS Policy Releases and Updates
 - iv. SNAP/Farm Bill issue – child support
 - 1. House provision in Section 4011 (a): removes the SNAP disqualification for child support arrears, and
 - 2. Section 4011 (b) of H.R. 2 mandates all states to adopt mandatory cooperation requirements.
6. Closing
- a. Members Closing Comments
 - b. Public Closing Comments
 - c. Adjourn

2019 Schedule
 February 15, 2019
 May 17, 2019
 August 16, 2019
 November 15, 2019