

## State of Connecticut – Child Support Guidelines Commission Meeting

Minutes for the 3/2/23 meeting, *via Microsoft Meetings*. Agenda items bolded.

### 5:00pm – Call to order

Chair, Chief Family Support Magistrate Michael Ferguson took roll call:

Present: Vice Chair, Lucy Potter; Graham Shaffer; Sean Kehoe; Virginia Brown; Amy Calvo MacNamara; Darren Pruslow; Michael Williams.

Not present: Gary Winfield; Campbell Barrett; Scott Storms; Craig Fishbein; Steven Hernandez.

Graham Shaffer moves to accept the minutes from the last meeting, 2/2/23, and Lucy Potter seconds. Motion carried unanimously.

### 5:03 pm. Discussion of initial presentation by Dr. Jane Venohr

**How to make the presentation available to the members and public?** Graham Shaffer explained that CT BITS IT staff have posted the Microsoft meetings and the presentation by Dr. Venohr at the attached website:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Child-Support/Child-Support/Comm-for-Child-Support-Guidelines>

### **Should the Commission continue to use the Betson-Rothbarth 4 study or the latest, 5, version?**

BR4 was completed in 2010 and the BR5 study was completed in 2020. Lucy Potter states that in Jane Venohr's presentation, slide #35, spells out how things will change. Discussion. Lucy Potter moved that the Commission should use the findings of the Betson-Rothbarth 5 study as the basis for this commission's guidelines.

Seconded by Graham Shaffer. Motion carried unanimously.

**Alternative methods for imputing income.** Present CT guidelines being based on 40 hours per week when the Chair and others are seeing 35 hours per week being considered full time in court. Discussion about the bullets on the agenda.

Chair – next meeting we will be determining who will comprise the breakout groups on the topics already identified. Amy Calvo MacNamara states that the family law section of the CT Bar Association has been reviewing the topics and may have some additions to the list of topics to be considered by this Commission.

### **5:19 pm - Update from the Family Law Section of the CT Bar Association.**

Chair – this agenda item is deferred until the next meeting.

General discussion about issues of concern to members. Lucy Potter stated the regulation that the guidelines must now address the self-support reserve or an alternative to that: **45 CFR 302.56(c)(ii)**.

Members please email the Chair, Michael Ferguson, Vice Chair, Lucy Potter, and Graham Shaffer to express your interest in joining a certain break-out workgroup on the topics discussed in the November and December meetings.

### **5:23pm – Meeting adjourned.**



