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Subject: Residential Credit Subcommittee Minutes July 11, 2011 (revised)

Minutes June 11, 2011 Residential Subcommittee:

Subcommittee and others present: Andrew McDirmid, Tim Eastman, Kevin Callaghan, George Smylie (DSHS leader), Greg Howe (public member)

- Reviewed attached charts. Most of discussion centered around Cross Credit with 35% multiplier versus Indiana Credit. Many subcommittee members like the Indiana formula because it attempts to account for duplicated expenses and there is no need for a threshold as credit becomes very insignificant at small percentages of time for lower time parent. Consensus amongst group is we are running out of time to understand if Indiana Residential Credit can reasonably be applied to Washington tables. Subcommittee agreed Cross Credit with 35% multiplier results in reasonable residential credit when compared to cross credit multipliers at 25%, 50% and Indiana formula.
- Discussed no need for a cap on residential credit because our recommendation is to allow Court or Commissioner flexibility to adjust credit to ensure there is adequate funds for the children.
- Discussed use of administrative process to adjust residential credit if one parent is not using residential time over a 6 month period. Kevin to pull language from WSBA detailing their proposal for such an administrative process.
- Representative from public addressed concern surrounding threshold as it may result in more full time parents relocating to avoid application of residential credit. Representative from public also thought formula like the Indiana formula would prevent his concern of a threshold and is a more equitable formula.