

CHILD SUPPORT ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 7, 2025
10:00 A.M. EST
Office of the Attorney General
1024 Capital Center Drive, Conference Room A
Frankfort KY 40601

I. ATTENDEES:

Council Members: Amy Burke (Chief, Department of Child Support Services); Jennie Haymond (Madison County Attorney); Jason Darnall (Marshall County Attorney); Stacy Tapke (Kenton County Attorney) *virtual attendance via TEAMS*; Jeremy Logsdon (Grayson County Attorney); Corey Thomas (Spencer County Attorney); Angela Evans (Fayette County Attorney); Mike O'Connell (Jefferson County Attorney); Joe Ross (Logan County Attorney); Cade Foster (McCracken County Attorney); and Joe White (Clay County Attorney) *virtual attendance via TEAMS*.

Other Attendees: Jeff Derouen (Jefferson County Attorney's Office); Robyn Shier (Department of Child Support Services); Stacy Byrns Taulbee (Department of Child Support Services); and Mark Sipek (Department of Child Support Services). *Virtual attendance via TEAMS*: Jenny Oldham (Hardin County Attorney); Joseph Harris (Grayson County Attorney's Office); Michelle Eviston (Campbell County Attorney's Office); Lisa Nally-Martin (Marion County Attorney); Daniel Pruitt (Campbell County Attorney's Office); Steve Gold (Henderson County Attorney); Renee Elkins (Hopkins County Attorney); Michael Richardson (Barren County Attorney); Julie Vanderburg (Daviess County Attorney's Office); and Brian Bayes (Carter County Attorney).

II. WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Amy Burke started the meeting welcoming council members and other attendees to the meeting.

III. ADOPTION OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 3, 2025: A motion was made by Corey Thomas to adopt the meeting minutes from October 3, 2025. Jason Darnall seconded the motion with one correction—the regular meetings are to occur on the first Friday (not Thursday) of the month. The motion was passed and the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2025, were adopted with the correction stated above.

IV. CHANGES TO UPCOMING MEETING LOCATIONS: Amy Burke advised that the January meeting would be held at the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) Office on Schenkel Lane in January (rather than at the OAG East Office). The February meeting will be

held in Lexington in conjunction with the Kentucky County Attorneys Association winter meeting.

V. 2026 – 2027 BIENNIAL BUDGET DISCUSSION: Amy Burke advised that pay parity for county attorney child support specialists was included in the Office of the Attorney General Department of Child Support Services Budget request. Questions arose regarding this request and Representative Petrie, chair of the House Appropriations & Revenue Committee, had questioned why this request did not come through the Prosecutors Advisory Council (PAC) or the County Attorneys Association.

Joe Ross reported that he, Jennie Haymond and Stacy Tapke were able to schedule a meeting and meet with Representative Petrie. Their meeting was in regard to the request for \$2.2 million in state funds which would be matched by approximately \$4 million in federal funds, in order to raise county attorney child support caseworker salaries to the minimum levels discussed at the October Child Support Advisory Council meeting. There is much concern that state revenues are down, and that there will be cuts rather than increases in agency budgets. Representative Petrie explained in their meeting that if this increase in funds were approved there would need to be some type of metric identified to measure the return on the investment. Additionally, there would have to be some type of accountability for those counties that don't perform, and an entity to hold them accountable—the Child Support Advisory Council or PAC.

There was a brief discussion of the few counties where the county attorney does not hold the contract. Those counties were identified as Crittenden, Todd and Floyd. Currently, assistant county attorneys hold the contracts in those counties. Therefore, it may not be an issue for the Child Support Advisory Council or PAC to hold them accountable for failures in performance.

Amy Burke explained the four performance criteria for incentive funding: paternity establishment; order establishment; current support collections; and arrearage collections. Joe Ross and Jennie Haymond led the discussion on what type of metric to use.

There was a brief discussion of the performance metrics, and which metrics are influenced by other economic factors that are outside of the control of a child support office. It was proposed that paternity establishment be the measure of improvement for the child support program. Paternity is a foundational element of child support and can be built upon to achieve the other three (3) performance criteria.

There was discussion on exactly how to measure improvement in paternity establishment—whether comparing Kentucky to other states or whether comparing Kentucky’s past performance against a future improved performance. The current goal for paternity establishment statewide is 96.39%. That is the target performance for each county for SFY 2026.

Angela Evans expressed concern over her county being able to meet that target. It was discussed that the goal is improvement for all counties, and that there is a realization that there may be counties that are too far below that number to realistically reach a paternity establishment ratio of 96.39%. However, all counties should be working toward improvement to bring the state average to that level.

Joe Ross made a motion that Jennie Haymond and Joe Ross on behalf of PAC, and Amy Burke on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General, DCSS, propose to the legislature that if granted \$2.2 million in additional state funds, the child support program would improve performance in paternity establishment. Cade Foster seconded the motion. All members were in favor, with no opposition. The motion passed.

There was a brief discussion on whether more than one metric would be needed, but paternity establishment would be the metric that was presented. The Council would wait to see what the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee had to say.

VI. GOALS/OBJECTIVES FOR 2026 DISCUSSION AND BRAINSTORMING:

- Budget Formula for County Contracts?
- Revision of the Policy & Procedure Manual?
- Revision of Training Guidelines and Methods?

Due to time constraints this agenda item will be discussed at the next meeting. DCSS is looking into bringing someone in to help with the Revision of the Policy and Procedure Manual.

VII. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION: Joe White advised that the automatic suspension of driver’s license would help with performance. Amy Burke advised that DCSS is still working on this process, but that DCSS wants the KASES system to have better capabilities before implementing the automatic suspension with the current limited method for automation being all or nothing.

The question was asked if County Attorney offices could have desk phones. The current standard if going through COT for phones is the VOP through the computer.

VIII. ADJOURN: Jason Darnall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

****Next Meeting of the Child Support Advisory Council December 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the Office of the Attorney General, 1024 Capital Center Dr., Suite 200, Conference Room A, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.**