**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHILD SUPPORT DIRECTORS**

**April 2013 Executive Committee Meeting**

April 18, 2013

Present:

Benidia Rice - President

Laurie McGrath – Vice President

Carol Eaton - Secretary

Sharon Santilli - Treasurer

Dan McDonald – Past President

Region 1 – Jerry Joy

Region 2 - Terrlyn Smock

Region 3 - Charles Hayward

Region 5 – Jeff Aldridge

Region 6 – Lisa Andry

Region 7 – Trisha Thomas

Region 8 – Brenda Lyttle

Region 10 – Wally McClure

Committee Chairs:

Alisha Griffin

Vice President McGrath called the meeting to order at 3:00PM ET. The first order of business was the approval of the March 2013 minutes. Terrlyn Smock made a motion to accept the minutes and Sharon Santilli seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Sharon Santilli reported the balance as of the end of March was $79,929. She reminded the Executive Committee that the full financial report for the annual conference will be prepared at the end of the conference. The report will include details on sponsorships, registrations and expenses. Sharon Santilli made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and Chuck Hayward seconded. Report was approved.

**MONTHLY CALL WITH OCSE**

There was not a call with OCSE this month.

President Rice indicated that she has communicated with Commissioner Turetsky regarding the President’s Budget related to the proposals on retro-active modifications and 100% pass-through. Benidia and Laurie will touch base with Commissioner Turetsky before the May Executive Committee call and will provide an update at that time. Benidia advised we will also discuss the President’s Budget at the annual meeting in June.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Medical Support**: Alisha Griffin shared several documents with the Executive Committee that outlined what a model flowchart would look like if child support has a role in medical support going forward with the Affordable Care Act. She asked that director’s look at it from both the judicial and administrative perspectives. There were seven key areas identified of issues and concerns that will need to be raised at the state level or with OCSE. Those issues include: 1) Access to the Marketplace with coverage data, 2) guidelines impacts, 3) lack of coverage and how to handle, 4) use of the national medical support notice, 5) timing of changes in federal and state laws, 6) enforcement, case management and hearing issues, and 7) increase in workload due to more medical support orders.

Alisha indicated the workgroup is trying to figure out a way to empower states to have a role in defining what medical support will look like going forward. There was a concern raised related to those states using the federal exchange and whether information will be gathered on the non-custodial parent which is necessary for a referral to the child support program. Alisha advised she will attempt to clarify this issue. There was also concern related to the request in some states for the child support program to share their entire file with the Medicaid entity in order for them to identify third party liability.

Alisha stated the documents that were shared is a starting point to identify issues related to the child support program’s role in establishment and enforcement of medical support and the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Issues such as confidentiality, how to define access, and differences between states building their own exchange vs. using the federal exchange will have to be worked through. Alisha commented that during recent discussions with Commissioner Turetsky, the Commissioner indicated it is up to the health care authorities in each state to determine what is an appropriate referral. Her recommendation is to decide none are appropriate.

Alisha will put together a draft document to submit to OCSE identifying the key issues that directors have identified, requesting clear direction from the federal level, and reminding that states using the federal exchange should not be penalized for not getting referrals, unlike those building a state exchange that addresses the child support issues.

Benidia advised this item will be added to the agenda for the meeting with Commissioner Turetsky in June. Alisha indicated she would welcome comments on the documents prior to the annual meeting.

**TANF Reauthorization**: nothing new to report.

**NCCSD Website**: nothing new to report.

**VOE Workgroup**: Laurie McGrath shared a document that was prepared by the workgroup laying out an argument for why we believe the verification of employment (VOE) companies are not governed by the Fair Credit Reporting Act. The workgroup is seeking approval to share the document with OCSE and request that they share it with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) who has oversight over FCRA. The position of the workgroup is that VOE is not a consumer credit report and shouldn’t be subject to the notification requirements under FCRA. There is also a strong opinion among the directors that the states should not have to pay for employment verification since employers are required to provide the information to child support programs.

Laurie indicated the document is ready to share with all Directors to seek input before sending to OCSE. Comments should be directed to Laurie by May 17. President Rice will send the document to all Directors requesting feedback. Regions 6 and 8 have already reviewed the document and all approved of sending to OCSE.

**Finance Committee:** Sharon Santilli shared the Independent Accountant’s Review Report with the Executive Committee for review and approval at the May meeting. The Finance Committee has reviewed the report and is satisfied with the findings. There will be a need to make some by-law changes that will be shared with all directors two weeks before the annual meeting. The changes will establish a budget limit to be used for the annual conference, clarify that dollars from the fund should be used for the annual conference, education meetings and training of directors, and allow for a change in sponsorship rates for the annual conference.

Sharon reported we have not heard back from NCSEA yet regarding the cost to have an outside entity manage the finances of the NCCSD.

**Nomination Committee:**  President Rice indicated she will be seeking three volunteers to serve on the committee to select officers for the next term starting October 1, 2013. She will send a note out to all director’s seeking volunteers. If anyone is interested in serving on the committee, you should contact Benidia.

**NCCSD ANNUAL MEETING**

Benidia advised she is working with Commissioner Turetsky regarding the OCSE participation in the meeting. There are currently 25 directors and 9 vendors registered for the meeting. Looks likely that we will have fifty participants which is what will be needed in order to break even in terms of funding.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

Meeting adjourned.