



**TO:** NCCSD

**FROM:** Carol Eaton and Eileen Stack, Committee Co-Chairs

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**RE:** Policy and Practice Committee Annual Report

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This was the second year of the NCCSD Policy and Practice Committee. The Committee developed an ambitious agenda which included developing recommendations on strengthening and next generation of the program, Medicaid referrals, and establishing a library of material and conducting a current assessment review of federal incentives. The Committee considered and/or recommended approaches on several policy topics including The Work Number, the new federal W-4 impact on collections, federal legislative proposals, concurrent SSI benefits and the RFI on employment.

**Committee Members:**

California – David Kilgore, Zack Reed  
Colorado – Elise Topliss, Keri Batchelder  
Delaware – Ted Mermigos  
Georgia – Tangler Gray, Erica Thornton, Ryan Bradley  
Hawaii – Lynette Lau  
Iowa – Carol Eaton (co-chair)  
Kansas – Elizabeth Cohn  
Massachusetts – Michele Cristello, Dolores O’Neill  
Michigan – Erin Frisch  
Mississippi – Lyndsy Irwin, David Love  
New Jersey – Pat Risch, Larissa Aspromonti  
New York – Eileen Stack (co-chair)  
North Dakota – Jim Fleming, Paulette Oberst  
Texas – Ruth Anne Thornton, Joel Rogers  
Utah – Liesa Stockdale  
Vermont – Robin Arnell

## **Major Topics of Discussion**

- COVID-19 (Document drafted to Congress: Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Delivery of Child Support Services)
- Next Generation of the Child Support Program – possible development of a white paper. Discussions started and included a review of the Report to Congress recommendations and the NCCSD Future Focus Survey of 2017. The effort was tabled due to COVID-19 response.
- Areas being considered include national vital records database, broaden authority to include cell phone and cable TV matches, national lien or debt registry and others
- The Work Number – communication has occurred between NCCSD and Equifax regarding limitations of current technology and concerns with proposed contract for future technology and combining of requests for paid/un-paid services within the technology and contract. Goals discussed were to maintain the free service and keep the paid service entirely separate. Issue on hold pending further follow-up from Equifax. Signed onto the APHSA letter sent to Equifax expressing concerns regarding availability of information to various programs.
- New Federal W-4 Impact on Collections – OCSE agreed to provide impacts at the end of the year and to do trend analysis if the collections or offsets has changed. Waiting for data.
- Federal Legislative Proposals – monitor and respond to federal legislative proposals/TANF Reauthorization
- APHSA Collaboration on RFI on Employment – reviewed APHSA draft response which incorporated NCCSD president’s comments

## **Subcommittees**

Incentives Review – pended due to COVID

Intergovernmental Cooperation – pended due to COVID

Medicaid Referrals – conversation occurred at NCSEA Policy Forum in response to the panel discussion on this topic and interest was expressed in holding further conversations between OCSE, NCCSD and CMS regarding CMS apparent interest in encouraging more referrals to child support. Further meetings have been tabled due to COVID.

The Co-chairs would like to extend our appreciation to the committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Eaton and Eileen Stack, Co-chairs