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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SACRAMENTO DIVISION**

LORENZO MAYS, RICKY
RICHARDSON, JENNIFER BOTHUN,
ARMANI LEE, and LEERTESE BEIRGE
on behalf of themselves and all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO,
Defendant.

Case No. 2:18-cv-02081 TLN KJN

CLASS ACTION

**~~[PROPOSED]~~ Order Appointing Court
Expert**

Judge: Hon. Kendall J. Newman

Complaint Filed: July 31, 2018

1 The Consent Decree approved by the Court on January 13, 2020 (ECF No. 110), provides
2 for the appointment of Court Experts to carry out certain enumerated duties. The duties of the
3 Court Experts are set forth in Paragraphs 13 through 20 and in Exhibit B of the Consent Decree.

4 On March 9, 2020, the Court issued an order appointing four experts to advise the Court
5 on compliance with the Consent Decree. (ECF No. 117.) One of the medical experts has since
6 resigned the role, and the parties now seek the appointment of Karen Saylor, M.D., as a Court
7 Expert on medical care. Dr. Saylor and the previously appointed Court expert Madeline
8 LaMarre, MN, FNP-BC, will jointly monitor and report on medical care policies, procedures,
9 and practices.

10 In accordance with the Consent Decree and its remedial purposes, and pursuant to the
11 Court's inherent power, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the motion for appointment of court
12 expert (ECF No. 141) is granted. The Court approves the appointment of Karen Saylor, M.D.,
13 as Court Expert regarding medical policies, procedures, and practices. Defendant will pay Dr.
14 Saylor in the amount of \$350 per hour for work performed and \$175 per hour for time spent
15 traveling, and will reimburse reasonable associated costs of professional services, including
16 travel expenses.

17 The Court Expert shall provide Defendant with a written itemization of the claimed fees
18 and costs, itemized by date, amount of time spent, and task, as well as records and bills
19 evidencing the costs claimed, on a quarterly basis or at an alternative interval as agreed upon by
20 Defendant and the Court Expert. Invoices will be provided to all parties for review before
21 payment.

22 Rule 706(b) of the Federal Rules of Evidence requires the Court to "inform the expert of
23 the expert's duties." Id. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Court Expert shall have the
24 responsibilities, powers, and protections set forth in the Consent Decree and in the Court's
25 previous Order appointing experts (ECF No. 117). The Court Expert's powers and
26 responsibilities include the following:

- 27 1. Pursuant to Rule 706 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, the Court Expert shall advise
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1 the parties and the Court on Defendant's compliance or non-compliance with each material
2 component of the Remedial Plan within their respective area of expertise, will assist with dispute
3 resolution matters, and will provide testimony, if required, in any proceedings before the Court.

4 2. In intervals of 180 days, during the term of the Consent Decree, the Court Expert shall
5 complete a comprehensive review and report ("180-Day Report") to advise the parties and the
6 Court on Defendant's compliance or non-compliance with each material component of the
7 Remedial Plan within the expert's subject matter area.

8 3. In each 180-Day Report, the Court Expert shall state their opinion as to whether
9 Defendant is or is not in substantial compliance with each material component of the Remedial
10 Plan within their area of expertise (i.e., "Substantial Compliance Determinations"). The 180-Day
11 Reports shall be considered separate and apart from any evaluations and reports prepared as part
12 of the dispute resolution process set forth in the Consent Decree and shall be admissible in
13 evidence in any proceedings before the Court.

14 4. Each Court Expert will prepare a draft written report on Defendant's efforts to meet
15 the terms of the Consent Decree within thirty (30) days of the later of the expert's site inspection
16 and the expert's receipt of all requested documents and information, and in no case later than
17 forty-five (45) days after the inspection. The draft report will be delivered to all parties. If the
18 Court Expert concludes that Defendant has not substantially complied with any provision or
19 provisions of the Consent Decree, the Court Expert shall make recommendations as to actions
20 they believe to be necessary to achieve substantial compliance.

21 5. The parties will have thirty (30) days to provide written comments or objections, or to
22 cure identified issues, and seven (7) days to reply. The Court Expert may re-inspect facilities or
23 documents, or conduct additional interviews, before issuing a final report. Final reports shall be
24 due twenty (20) days after the later of the Court Expert's receipt of any comments, objections or
25 replies, or any additional assessments.

26 6. In preparing reports, the Court Expert shall identify all sources of information relied
27 upon for facts and recommendations. If the source of information is an interview or
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1 conversation, whether with staff, another Court Expert, or any other person, the Court Expert
2 shall identify the person who is the source of the information. If the source of information is a
3 class member, the Court Expert shall identify the class member in a separate confidential
4 document that is provided to counsel for the parties. If the source of the information is a
5 document, the Court Expert shall make the document(s) available to counsel for all parties, or
6 identify the document(s) in a manner that makes it accessible to all parties.

7 7. With appropriate notice, the Court Expert shall have reasonable access to all parts of
8 any Sacramento County jail facility. Access to the facilities will not be unreasonably restricted.
9 The Court Expert shall have access to custody and health care staff and people incarcerated in
10 the jails, including confidential and voluntary interviews as they deem appropriate. The Court
11 Expert shall also have access to documents, including budgetary, custody, and health care
12 documents, and institutional meetings, proceedings, and programs to the extent the Court Expert
13 determines such access is needed to fulfill their obligations. The Court Expert's tours shall be
14 undertaken in a manner that does not unreasonably interfere with jail operations as reasonably
15 determined by jail administrators.

16 8. The Court Expert shall have reasonable access to individual health records, including
17 mental health records, and custody records.

18 9. If the Court Expert requests to review any documents in conjunction with a site visit,
19 Defendant will provide these documents to the extent feasible no later than twenty (20) days
20 prior to the visit.

21 10. During the Court Expert's first site inspection of the Jail, the parties shall have the
22 right to have counsel present during the tour. All subsequent tours conducted by the Court
23 Expert shall be conducted without counsel present, unless the parties agree good cause exists for
24 counsel to observe the subsequent tours. If the parties cannot agree on the necessity for counsel
25 to be present on subsequent tours by the Court Expert, they shall submit the matter to Magistrate
26 Judge Cousins (or his designee) for decision.

27 11. The Court Expert shall be provided with and agree to be bound by any protective or
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1 Court orders entered in this case.

2 12. The Court Expert may engage in ex parte communications with the parties. However,
3 all of the Court Expert's findings and recommendations shall be set forth in writing in their
4 reports.

5 13. The Court Expert may engage in ex parte communications with each other. The
6 Court Expert may engage in ex parte communications with the designated dispute resolution
7 judge, Magistrate Judge Cousins, or his designee if he is not available. The Court Expert shall
8 not engage in ex parte communications with the Court.

9 14. Pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures set forth in the Consent Decree, either
10 party may request that the relevant Court Expert evaluate an issue in dispute and prepare a
11 report. The expert must provide the report regarding the area of disagreement to the parties and
12 Magistrate Judge Cousins (or his designee) within forty-five (45) days of the request. Defendant
13 will pay the Court Expert's reasonable fees for any reports prepared at the request of a party
14 about a disputed issue.

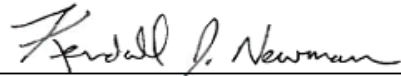
15 15. The Court Expert shall be available to meet jointly with the parties in person or by
16 telephone in a manner that is reasonable and convenient for the purpose of resolving disputes
17 between the parties.

18 16. At the request of the Court, the Court Expert shall attend any negotiations, mediation
19 sessions, or court hearings.

20 17. If a Court Expert becomes unavailable to fulfill the duties set forth in this Order, the
21 parties will meet and confer, and propose to the Court a new expert to monitor compliance with
22 the Consent Decree for the respective areas of expertise. The parties may agree at any time to
23 remove and replace a Court Expert.

24 Dated: March 17, 2021

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KENDALL J. NEWMAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE