

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

LASHAWN A., et al., :

Plaintiffs :

v. :

C.A. No. 89-1754
(TFH)

ANTHONY WILLIAMS, et al., :

Defendants :

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**NANCY MAYER WHITTINGTON, CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT**

CONSENT ORDER

Upon consideration of the Consent Motion to Enter Proposed Order Terminating the Receivership, the memorandum of points and authorities filed in support thereof and the entire record herein, it is by the Court, this 22 day of May, 2001

ORDERED: That on June 15, 2001 the Receivership established pursuant to the August 24, 1995 General Receivership Order shall be terminated and that Order, as well as the November 16, 2000 Order appointing an Interim General Receiver, shall be vacated. Thereafter, the probationary period established by this Court's Order of October 23, 2000 shall commence. It is,

FURTHER ORDERED: That during a transition period ending on June 15, 2001, the Interim General Receiver shall consult with the Mayor's designated Director of the Child and Family Services Agency ("CFSA"), Olivia A. Golden, Ph.D., on all significant management decisions including personnel, procurement and fiscal decisions and issues. Upon the termination of the Receivership on June 15, 2001, Dr. Golden shall assume full control of CFSA as the agency director; and it is,

FURTHER ORDERED: That the licensing standards for group homes for neglected and/or abused children shall be promulgated on or before September 30, 2001.

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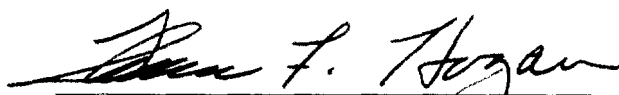
The licensing standards for foster homes shall be promulgated by June 30, 2001, unless republication is required, in which case they shall be promulgated by August 15, 2001. The failure to promulgate these licensing standards by the dates referenced above will constitute *prima facie* evidence of contempt of this Consent Order, and the probationary period referenced in the Consent Order of October 23, 2000 will not terminate unless the foster and group home licensing standards have been promulgated. It is,

FURTHER ORDERED: That the probationary period referenced in the Consent Order of October 23, 2000 will not terminate if the transfer to CFSA of responsibility and authority for child abuse cases that is currently vested in the Director of Superior Court Social Services is not completed, unless defendants demonstrate that they have undertaken all reasonable efforts to accomplish the transfer. It is,

FURTHER ORDERED: That paragraphs 9.a. and 9.b. of Appendix A to the October 23, 2000 Consent Order is modified as follows:

9. a. Twenty percent increase above the baseline in the number of finalized adoptions from the same six-month period in 2000.¹

9.b. Ten percent increase above the baseline in the number of adoptive parents recruited and approved as compared to the same six-month period in 2000.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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¹ The Court's failure to finalize adoption petitions, despite defendants' good faith efforts to have done so, will be considered by the Monitor before making her conclusion in the six-month evaluation.

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