

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

The Consent Order of October 23, 2000 established a probationary period upon termination of the Receivership during which defendants were required to meet 75 percent of the performance standards referenced in Appendix A to the Consent Order. The Consent Order further required the Monitor to evaluate whether the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) met the performance standards six months after the Receivership was terminated. The Consent Order set forth procedures for establishing a baseline against which the performance standards were to be measured, including a process by which the Monitor could adjust the performance standards.

The time to establish a reliable baseline took longer than originally contemplated and the Monitor has recently made adjustments to the Appendix A performance standards.

The parties, in collaboration with the Monitor, have agreed that the CFSA's performance should be measured against the May 31, 2001 baseline as of May 31, 2002. The parties further agreed that Appendix A to the October 23, 2000 Consent Order must be modified to reflect the adjustments to the performance standards made by the Monitor. Further, the parties have agreed, in collaboration with the Monitor, to enlarge the number of substantive experts on the independent expert advisory panel referenced in paragraph 11 of the October 23, 2000 Consent Order. Upon

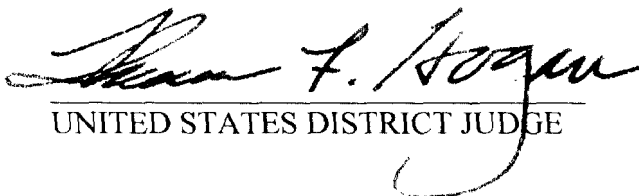
consideration of the parties' joint request to enter this Consent Order and the entire record herein, it is by the Court, this 14 day of January, 2002,

ORDERED: That the adjusted performance standards attached hereto as Modified Appendix A be and hereby is substituted for the performance standards referenced in Appendix A to the October 23, 2000 Consent Order in order to reflect the adjustments made by the Monitor. It is

FURTHER ORDERED: That paragraph 18 of the October 23, 2000 Consent Order is modified to read as follows: Commencing on or about June 30, 2002, the Monitor shall evaluate whether the CFSA has met the adjusted performance standards by using the same methods specified in paragraph 17 to determine the baseline standards ("Six Month Evaluation"). It is

FUTHER ORDERED: That the first sentence of paragraph 11 of the October 23, 2000 Consent Order is modified to read as follows: The new Director, in consultation with the Court Monitor and others the Director deems appropriate, shall establish an independent expert advisory panel of up to ten substantive experts. It is

FURTHER ORDERED: That all other provisions of the October 23, 2000 Consent Order remain in full force and effect.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Modified Appendix A: Adjusted Performance Standards for Probationary Period

1. No more than 300 abuse and/or neglect investigations incomplete after 30 days; no more than 100 investigations incomplete after 60 days.
2. Forty-five percent of foster care cases have current case plans.
3. Twenty-five percent of kinship care cases have current case plans.
4. Eighty hours of staggered pre-service training for all staff hired between December 2001 through February 2002; in-service training for staff, pre and in-service training for foster parents, and opportunities for foster parent in-service training remain at baseline.
5. Thirty-five percent of cases in which children have a goal of return to the home have parental visits at least every two weeks.
6. Twenty-five percent of children in foster care have weekly visits with social worker in the first eight weeks; thirty-five percent of children in foster care have at least monthly visits with social worker.
7. Fifty percent of cases in compliance with administrative review requirements.
8. Fifty-seven percent of cases have a judicially approved decision on permanency within 14 months of a child entering foster care.

Corrective Action Categories:

9. Category 1: No child in emergency care more than 90 days.
10. Category 3b: Seventy-five percent of children are placed in foster homes with valid licenses.
11. Category 4: No more than 10 percent of children in foster care have a permanency goal of return home for more than 18 months.
12. Category 5: Seventy-two percent of children with a permanency goal of adoption for more than 30 days have legal activity to free them for adoption.
13. Category 7: No more than twenty percent of children with a permanency goal of adoption for more than 9 months are not in an approved adoptive home.
14. Category 8: No child under the age of 12 has a permanency goal of independent living.
15. Category 9: No more than 83 children in facilities more than 100 miles from the District of Columbia.

16. Three hundred and twenty-eight children adopted between June 1, 2001 and May 31, 2002.
17. Two hundred and eight adoptive parents recruited and fifty-six adoptive parents approved between June 1, 2001 and May 31, 2002.
18. Sixty-percent of children placed with one or more of their siblings.
19. Twenty-five percent of children in foster care as of May 31, 2002 have had 3 or more placements.
20. No more than 50 children under age 6 in group institutional placements.