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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

JOSE ANTONIO FRANCO  
GONZALEZ, *et al.*,

*Plaintiffs-Petitioners,*

v.

JEFFERSON SESSIONS, Attorney  
General, *et al.*,

*Defendants-Respondents.*

Case No.: CV 10-2211-DMG (DTBx)

**ORDER RE COMPLIANCE WITH  
GOALS OF EXTENDED  
MONITORING PERIOD AND  
TERMINATION OF MONITORING**

The Court held a final status conference in this matter on April 16, 2018. Defendants have complied with the Court’s December 15, 2017 Amended Order re Monitor’s Report on Status of Primary Goals During Extension of Monitoring Term [Doc. # 972] and the monitoring term has ended. The Court therefore terminates monitoring.

At the Court’s request, the retained expert in this case, Dr. Melissa Piasecki, conferred with Defendants about her observations regarding future opportunities for improvements in screening detainees for mental illness and supporting immigration

1 judges (“IJ”) in their work. The Court strongly recommends that Defendants embrace  
2 those opportunities for improvements and continue to implement improvements in the  
3 near future, including the following:


- 4 1. Field testing in accordance with best practices;
- 5 2. Continue to use quality assurance process to establish performance metrics,  
6 maintain quality, and generate improvements in the screening process,  
7 training, and assessment tools;
- 8 3. Incorporate the latest revisions to screening and IJ training materials, which  
9 highlight neurocognitive aspects of mental illness, to the extent possible;
- 10 4. Highlight aspects of revised improvements in on-board training and in all  
11 future *Franco*-specific and more generalized IJ training regarding *Franco*  
12 screening practices; and
- 13 5. Open *Franco*-specific training to existing IJs who may wish to attend such  
14 training.

15 Additionally, Defendants should continue to communicate with Plaintiffs regarding  
16 non-IHSC facilities’ adoption of revised screening tools, including any incorporation of  
17 *Franco* procedures into their contracts, as well as the status of contract renegotiations,  
18 renewals, and/or expirations with regard to such facilities.

19 Finally, the Court strongly encourages the parties to continue to meet and confer  
20 regarding Implementation Plan compliance issues to the extent they arise, as Defendants  
21 have indicated they are willing to do. *See* Defendants’ Reply in Support of Defendants’  
22 Final Status Report at 6 n.7 [Doc. # 987-3].

23 The Court again expresses its appreciation to the parties and their counsel, the  
24 Special Master, the Monitor, and the retained expert for all of their efforts to effectuate  
25 the Implementation Plan.

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27 DATED: April 30, 2018

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DOLLY M. GEE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE