

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No.: 14-cv-00203-CMA-BNB

CYNTHIA MULLEN,  
DEBBIE JOHNSON, and  
COLORADO CROSS-DISABILITY COALITION,  
a Colorado non-profit organization,

Plaintiff,

v.

PORTERCARE ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE SYSTEM d/b/a CENTURA HEALTH –  
PORTER ADVENTIST HOSPITAL, a Colorado non-profit Corporation,  
and  
B.S.M.C. Limited Liability Company, d/b/a BROOKSIDE INN, a Colorado Limited Liability  
Company,

Defendant.

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**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER**

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The parties, by and through their respective counsel, hereby agree to the following  
Stipulated Protective Order and request that it be entered as an Order of the Court.

Upon a showing of good cause in support of the entry of a protective order to protect the  
disclosure and discovery of confidential information in this case, IT IS ORDERED:

1. This Protective Order shall apply to all documents, materials, and information,  
including without limitation, documents produced, answers to interrogatories, responses to  
requests for admission, deposition testimony, and other information disclosed pursuant to the  
disclosure or discovery duties created by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

2. As used in this Protective Order, “document” is defined as provided in Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a). A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.

3. Information designated “CONFIDENTIAL” may be information in which a party has a statutory, regulatory, or common law right of privacy or protection against dissemination or disclosure, ~~specifically including but not limited to medical information, passenger information, as well as personnel information.~~ Nothing in this order is intended to waive any argument that information designated as confidential, ~~including but not limited to medical or records of disability,~~ is not confidential information nor prevent a party from taking a position or advancing an argument that confidentiality of any record has been waived by placing that information into issue by claims or defenses raised in this case.

CONFIDENTIAL documents, materials, and/or information (collectively “CONFIDENTIAL information”) shall not, without the consent of the party producing it or further Order of the Court, be disclosed except that such information may be disclosed to:

- a. attorneys actively working on this case;
- b. persons regularly employed or associated with the attorneys actively working on the case whose assistance is required by said attorneys in the preparation for trial, at trial, or at other proceedings in this case;
- c. the parties, including designated representatives including insurance and/or self-insurance representatives for the entity parties or parties sued in their official capacity;
- d. expert witnesses and consultants retained in connection with this proceeding, to the extent such disclosure is necessary for preparation, trial or other proceedings

in this case;

- e. the Court and its employees (“Court Personnel”);
- f. stenographic reporters who are engaged in proceedings necessarily incident to the conduct of this action;
- g. deponents and witnesses who have been disclosed pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26; and
- h. other persons by written agreement of the parties.

4. Prior to disclosing any CONFIDENTIAL information to any person listed above (other than counsel, persons employed by counsel, Court Personnel and stenographic reporters), counsel shall provide such person with a copy of this Protective Order and obtain from such person a written acknowledgment stating that he or she has read this Protective Order and agrees to be bound by its provisions. All such acknowledgments shall be retained by counsel and shall be subject to *in camera* review by the Court if good cause for review is demonstrated by opposing counsel.

5. Documents are designated as CONFIDENTIAL by placing or affixing on them (in a manner that will not interfere with their legibility) the following or other appropriate notice: “CONFIDENTIAL.”

6. Producing or receiving materials or otherwise complying with the terms of this Protective Order shall not:

- a. operate as an admission by any party that any particular discovery material contains or reflects any CONFIDENTIAL information;

- b. prejudice in any way the rights of any party to object to the production of documents it considers not subject to discovery or otherwise protected from or limited in discovery on the basis of privilege or otherwise;
- c. prejudice in any way the rights of a party to seek a determination by the Court regarding whether particular discovery materials should be produced; or
- d. prejudice in any way the rights of a party to apply to the Court for any additional protection with respect to the confidentiality of information as that party may consider appropriate.

7. Counsel for the party producing any information that will be designated CONFIDENTIAL shall review the information and, prior to designating such information CONFIDENTIAL, shall certify that the designation as CONFIDENTIAL is based on a good faith belief that the information is in fact confidential or otherwise entitled to protection.

8. Whenever a deposition involves the disclosure of CONFIDENTIAL information, the deposition or portions thereof shall be designated as CONFIDENTIAL and shall be subject to the provisions of this Protective Order. Such designation shall be made on the record during the deposition whenever possible, but a party may designate portions of depositions as CONFIDENTIAL after transcription, provided written notice of the designation is promptly given to all counsel of record within thirty (30) days after notice by the court reporter of the completion of the transcript.

9. A party may object to the designation ~~or lack of designation~~ of particular CONFIDENTIAL information by giving written notice within thirty (30) days of the designation of confidentiality or service of documents lacking such designation or as to depositions within thirty (30) days of service of the transcript of the deposition to the party designating the disputed

information. The written notice shall identify the information to which the objection is made. If the parties cannot resolve the objection within twenty (20) days after the time the notice is received, it shall be the obligation of the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL to file an appropriate motion requesting that the Court determine whether the disputed information should be subject to the terms of this Protective Order. If such a motion is timely filed, the disputed information shall be treated as CONFIDENTIAL under the terms of this Protective Order until the Court rules on the motion. If the designating party fails to file such a motion within the prescribed time, the disputed information shall lose its designation as CONFIDENTIAL and shall not thereafter be treated as CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with this Protective Order. In connection with a motion filed under this provision, the party designating the information as CONFIDENTIAL shall bear the burden of establishing that good cause exists for the disputed information to be treated as CONFIDENTIAL.

10. **Any request to restrict access must comply with the requirements of D.C.COLO.LCivR 7.2.** ~~Any party who intends to use CONFIDENTIAL information in Court proceedings or in Court filings shall file the CONFIDENTIAL information under seal. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the party asserting that the information is CONFIDENTIAL shall bear the burden of filing any necessary motion to restrict pursuant to D.C.COLO.LCivR 7.2.~~

11. At the conclusion of this case, unless other arrangements are agreed upon, each document and all copies thereof which have been designated as CONFIDENTIAL shall retain their designation of confidentiality. This Protective Order may be modified by the Court at any time for good cause shown following notice to all parties and an opportunity for them to be heard.

Dated April 9, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Boyd N. Boland  
United States Magistrate Judge