

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT MYERS DIVISION

RONALD J. MUSCHONG, DARLENE J.
MUDD, GROVER H. MUDD and RUTH
A. ARNOLD, an individual

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No: 2:13-cv-705-FtM-38UAM

MILLENNIUM PHYSICIAN GROUP,
LLC,

Defendant.

ORDER¹

This matter comes before the Court on the Defendant, Millennium Physician Group, LLC.'s Unopposed Motion to Stay or Abate Proceedings for Thirty (30) Days Pending Settlement Negotiations ([Doc. #25](#)) filed on January 9, 2014. The Defendant states the Parties are trying to settle the matter through informal negotiations. The Defendant believes the Parties may reach a settlement within thirty (30) days. As such, the Defendant moves to stay the case for thirty (30) days to conserve the Courts time and resources and to lower the costs of litigation.

The Court may “exercise its inherent discretionary authority to stay cases ... in the interests of justice and efficiency.” [Craggs Const. Co. v. Fed. Ins. Co., 2007 WL 1452938, *2 \(M.D. Fla. 2007\)](#). Given the potential to reach a settlement and the fact

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that the case is still in the very early stages of litigation, the Court finds good cause to grant the stay for thirty (30) days.

Accordingly, it is now

ORDERED:

The Defendant, Millennium Physician Group, LLC.'s Unopposed Motion to Stay or Abate Proceedings for Thirty (30) Days Pending Settlement Negotiations ([Doc. #25](#)) is **GRANTED**.

- (1) The case will be **STAYED** up to and including **February 21, 2014**.
- (2) The Parties are to inform the Court of any settlement agreements if and when a settlement is reached.
- (3) The Clerk is directed to **CANCEL** the Preliminary Pretrial Conference currently set for February 7, 2014, and reschedule the conference for March 14, 2014.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Fort Myers, Florida this 22nd day of January, 2014.


SHERI POLSTER CHAPPELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies: All Parties of Record