

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

JANIAH MONROE, *et al.*,
individually and on behalf of a class of
similarly situated individuals,

Plaintiffs,

v.

STEVEN BOWMAN,
MELVIN HINTON, and
LATOYA HUGHES,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:18-CV-00156-NJR

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

ROSENSTENGEL, Chief Judge:

This matter is before the Court pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3626(f)(5) for the fourth six-month review of the appointment of first Co-Monitor Amanda L. Harris, M.D. (Doc. 418; *see also* Doc. 653). Harris was charged with monitoring Defendants' compliance with the court-ordered injunctive relief regarding hormone therapy, regular blood work, and appropriate titration of doses and/or additional testing/treatment; gender affirming surgery evaluation, scheduling, and pre- and post-operative care (including monitoring the CQI¹ program and IDOC medical providers' compliance with WPATH² training and continuing education); and transfers of class members to achieve medically necessary social transition. (Doc. 370, pp. 7-11; Doc. 384). This has involved review of voluminous medical records for approximately 195 class members, as well as assisting Defendants to compile an accurate list of inmates who

¹ Continuing Quality Improvement.

² World Professional Association for Transgender Health.

are in the class, extensive communication with IDOC medical and mental health staff as well as outside providers, review of records on transfer requests and outcomes, participation in several status conferences and evidentiary hearings with the Court and parties, and consultation with Defendants regarding revisions to the Administrative Directives on transgender prisoners. (Doc. 439, pp. 1-2, 12; Doc. 674; Doc. 714).

Since her appointment on April 5, 2022, Dr. Harris has submitted reports to the Court and parties regarding the above matters and reported to the Court on the meetings between the parties and the Co-Monitors (Docs. 439, 502, 592, 674).

Dr. Harris has reported improvements in the delivery and monitoring of hormone therapy, and continues to receive regular updates from Defendants regarding endocrinology consults, PRISM enrollment, census lists, lab values, surgical consults, and transfer decisions, to enable her to continue to monitor these matters. Monitoring of these issues continues to be necessary in order to determine whether Defendants are moving toward compliance with the Court's Orders. It is anticipated that Dr. Harris will coordinate and consult with the person that Defendants plan to hire as an in-house patient navigator (See Docs. 766, 769).

Based on the above, the Court concludes that the appointment of Dr. Harris as first Co-Monitor shall continue. This matter is still in the remedial phase. Dr. Harris's expertise continues to be necessary to advise and assist the Court in monitoring Defendants' compliance with the Court's directives in this case, as well as to advise the parties on policies and procedures that will achieve compliance with constitutional standards of care and conditions of confinement. This appointment will be reviewed again in another six months.

As previously noted, the hourly compensation rate for both Co-Monitors (special masters) is the rate established under 18 U.S.C. § 3006A for payment of court appointed

counsel. (Doc. 423, pp. 5-6; Doc. 561). This hourly rate is currently \$172.00; thus Co-Monitor Harris will be compensated from the Court's appropriated funds at this rate plus costs reasonably incurred by the Co-monitor.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: April 16, 2024

s/Nancy J. Rosenstengel
NANCY J. ROSENSTENGEL
Chief U.S. District Judge