

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

**HANNAH SABATA, et al.,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES,  
et al.,**

**Defendants.**

**Case No. 4:17CV3107**

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE  
ORDER REGARDING  
CONFIDENTIAL RULES,  
REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), the Court finds good cause for the issuance of a qualified protective order, grants the parties' Joint Motion [141], and ORDERS as follows:

1. The parties and their attorneys are hereby authorized to receive and transmit confidential rules, regulations, and policies to the extent and subject to the conditions outlined herein.
2. For the purposes of this qualified protective order, confidential rules, regulations, and policies include, but are not limited to, those rules, regulations, and policies which are not available to the inmate population at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.
3. The parties and their attorneys are not permitted to disclose confidential rules, regulations, and policies to any inmate in the custody of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.
4. The parties' attorneys shall be permitted to use or disclose confidential rules, regulations, and policies for purposes of prosecuting or defending this action including any appeals of this case. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to,

disclosure to their attorneys, experts, consultants, court personnel, court reporters, copy services, trial consultants, deponents, non-inmate witnesses, and other entities or persons involved in the litigation process.

5. Prior to disclosing confidential rules, regulations, and policies to persons involved in this litigation, counsel shall inform each such person that the information may not be used or disclosed for any purpose other than this litigation. Counsel shall take all other reasonable steps to ensure that persons receiving confidential rules, regulations, and policies do not use or disclose such information for any purpose other than this litigation and to ensure that the contents of confidential rules, regulations, and policies are not revealed to any person not already subject to the terms of this Order.
6. Within 45 days after the conclusion of the litigation including appeals, the parties, their attorneys, and any person or entity in possession of confidential rules, regulations, and policies received from counsel pursuant to paragraph four of this Order, shall return such confidential rules, regulations, and policies to counsel for the Defendants or destroy any and all copies of confidential rules, regulations, and policies, except that counsel are not required to secure the return or destruction of such information submitted to the court. In the alternative, counsel shall protect the confidentiality of the records for so long as they are retained by counsel or maintained in the Nebraska State Archives, and shall limit further uses and disclosures of confidential information as required by this Order.

7. This Order does not authorize either party to seal court filings or court proceedings. The Court will make a good cause determination for filing under seal if and when the parties seek to file confidential rules, regulations, and policies under seal.

PROTECTIVE ORDER FOR CONFIDENTIAL  
RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), the Court finds good cause for the issuance of a protective order and ORDERS as follows:

8. The parties and their attorneys are hereby authorized to receive and transmit confidential rules, regulations, and policies to the extent and subject to the conditions outlined herein.
9. For the purposes of this qualified protective order, confidential rules, regulations, and policies include, but are not limited to, those rules, regulations, and policies which are not available to the inmate population at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.
10. This authorization does not govern trial or other legal proceedings. The parties shall address the court at a later date on appropriate procedures for trial and other legal proceedings.
11. The provisions of this order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of this Court.

**Dated** this 21st day of August, 2018.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Michael D. Nelson  
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Michael D. Nelson  
United States Magistrate Judge