

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

ELIZABETH MORT and ALEX)
RODRIGUEZ,)

Plaintiffs,)

vs.)

2:10cv1438

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LAWRENCE COUNTY CHILDREN)
AND YOUTH SERVICES;)

LAWRENCE COUNTY; CHRISSEY)

MONTAGUE, Lawrence County)

Children and Youth Services Caseworker;)

and **JAMESON HEALTH SYSTEM,**)

Defendants.)

MEMORANDUM ORDER

AND NOW, this 8th day of November, 2011, upon due consideration of plaintiffs' motion to amend and the parties' submissions in conjunction therewith, IT IS ORDERED that [51] the motion be, and the same hereby is, granted. Plaintiffs shall file their amended complaint without undue delay.

The grounds advanced in opposition to the motion are unavailing. There is no principle of law that restricts § 1983 liability to the individual most directly connected to the alleged violation of a plaintiff's constitutional rights and as previously noted the invocation of affirmative defenses is premature at this juncture.

s/David Stewart Cercone
David Stewart Cercone
United States District Judge

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