

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

CHARLES NORWOOD,
aka MS. CHELSY,

Plaintiff,

v.

DR. TOBIASZ, DR. GARBLEMAN,
DR. CALLISTER, MR. POLLARD,
JAMES MUENCHOW, CYNTHIA THORPE,
MICHAEL MEISNER, DON STRAHOTA,
WELCOME ROSE, MELISSA ROBERTS
and SCHWOCHERT,

Defendants.

OPINION and ORDER

11-cv-507-bbc

Plaintiff Charles Norwood, a prisoner at the Waupun Correctional Institution, has filed this civil action alleging that defendant Department of Corrections employees are violating her¹ Eighth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment rights by failing to treat her for Gender Identity Disorder. The parties have provided two rounds of briefing on plaintiff's motion for preliminary injunctive relief, dkt. #1. (I requested supplemental briefing after noting that plaintiff did not have a formal diagnosis of Gender Identity Disorder and that it was unclear from the parties' initial submissions whether the process of evaluating plaintiff for this disorder

¹ Plaintiff refers to herself as a "transsexual female" so throughout this opinion I will refer to her using female pronouns.

was proceeding at a reasonable pace.) Also, plaintiff has submitted several additional documents, some of which are titled as “motions,” providing further supplemental materials and updating the court on the status of her treatment.

The parties’ submissions make it clear that plaintiff has a diagnosis of Gender Identity Disorder and is scheduled to begin hormone treatment. Plaintiff states that the court “can be relieved from addressing the injunction because defendants [have] remedied the need for . . . emergency intervention.” Dkt. #37. I construe this filing as a motion to withdraw her motion for preliminary injunctive relief and will grant that motion. Plaintiff’s other “motions” concerning her preliminary injunction motion will be denied as unnecessary. The case will proceed as scheduled at the December 8, 2011 preliminary pretrial conference.

Plaintiff has filed also a motion seeking an order “placing the . . . court[’s] opinions and orders on the Lexis Nexis mainframe for other inmates to review.” As plaintiff notes, the February 15, 2012 order requesting supplemental briefing is available on Lexis, but the court’s October 4, 2011 screening order is not. I will deny this motion because this court has little say about what documents are included in online databases. Although I understand that plaintiff wants other inmates in her situation to have as much material as possible available on electronic databases, nothing in the screening order breaks new ground in the area of Gender Identity Disorder cases so it is unsurprising that Lexis did not choose it for inclusion in its database.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that

1. Plaintiff Charles Norwood's motion to withdraw her motion for preliminary injunctive relief, dkt. #37, is GRANTED.
2. Plaintiff's submissions docketed as motions concerning her motion for preliminary injunctive relief, dkt. ##25, 31 and 32, are DENIED as unnecessary.
3. Plaintiff's motion to place the case on Lexis, dkt. #34, is DENIED.

Entered this 25th day of May, 2012.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge