

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

DENNIS E. JONES 'EL, MICHA'EL
JOHNSON, DE'ONDRE CONQUEST,
LUIS NIEVES, SCOTT SEAL, ALEX
FIGUEROA, ROBERT SALLIE, CHAD
GOETSCH, EDWARD PISCITELLO,
QUINTIN L'MINGGIO, LORENZO
BALLI, DONALD BROWN, CHRISTOPHER
SCARVER, BENJAMIN BIESE, LASHAWN
LOGAN, JASON PAGLIARINI, and
ANDREW COLLETTE, and
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

RICHARD SCHNEITER and
MATT FRANK,

Defendants.

ORDER

00-C-421-C

At a hearing held in this case on May 5, 2006, before United States District Judge Barbara B. Crabb, counsel for both sides asked the court to appoint a neutral mediator to help the parties come to agreement on amendments to the settlement agreement to respond to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections' decision to change the population at the

Wisconsin Secure Program Facility. In response to this request, I am appointing United States Magistrate Judge Stephen L. Crocker to serve as the mediator. He will initiate a telephone status conference with counsel at 1:00 today, Friday, May 5, 2006, to begin the mediation process.

On May 4, 2006, defendants filed a motion to extend the term of Walter Dickey as monitor under the settlement agreement. Plaintiffs have asked for an opportunity to brief the motion. They may have until 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2006, in which to file and serve a response. Defendants may have until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 11, 2006, in which to file and serve a reply brief. A hearing on the motion will be held at 8:30, Friday, May 12, 2006, unless before that time the parties should reach agreement on Mr. Dickey's continued service in this position.

The magistrate judge understands that time is of the essence in resolving this matter, in light of the order barring the department from transferring general population inmates to the Secure Program Facility pending agreement on the amendments to the settlement agreement. He is to report to the court only in writing, with copies to counsel.

Defendants suggested that it would be helpful for the mediator to have the assistance of Mr. Dickey and Kenneth Streit, who has been assisting Mr. Dickey. Plaintiffs object to including Mr. Dickey and Mr. Streit, unless the mediator decides that their participation would assist him.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that United States Magistrate Judge Stephen L. Crocker is appointed as neutral mediator to assist the parties in arriving at a resolution of their disputes over the amendments to the settlement agreement in this case.

Entered this 5th day of May, 2006

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge