

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

JEFFREY CHIDESTER and NICHOLE
CHIDESTER, individually and as Parents
and Next Friends of SYDNEY CHIDESTER,
a Minor,

Plaintiffs,

ORDER

and

13-cv-520-jdp

CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
CARPENTERS HEALTH AND WELFARE
FUND

Subrogated Insurer,

v.

CAMP DOUGLAS FARMERS COOPERATIVE,
and TRIANGLE INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.,

Defendants.

Plaintiffs requested that the court approve a comprehensive settlement agreement that will resolve all claims in this case and in a related case also before this court, *Chidester-Roesch v. Camp Douglas Farmers Cooperative*, Case No. 13-CV-521 (the '521 case). Dkt. 66. A similar motion was made in the '521 case. The court deferred ruling on plaintiffs' motion to approve the settlement to ensure that the interests of Sydney Chidester, a minor, are being adequately protected, and it ordered plaintiffs to show cause why the court should not appoint a guardian ad litem to review the proposed settlement. Dkt. 68. Plaintiffs have responded to the court's order with a detailed description of the settlement, how they arrived at the proposed division of funds with the plaintiffs in the '521 case, and the long-term steps they have taken to protect Sydney's continued interest in her share of the proceeds. Dkt. 69.

After reviewing plaintiffs' submissions, the court concludes that Sydney's interests have been adequately protected throughout this case and that plaintiffs have set out with sufficient particularity their plans to continue to protect Sydney's interests in the settlement proceeds. For these reasons, the court is satisfied that the proposed settlement is in Sydney's best interest and that there is no need to appoint a guardian ad litem. The court will therefore grant plaintiffs' motion to approve the proposed settlement, and accept the parties' joint stipulation to dismissal with prejudice.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1) Plaintiffs' motion for authority to settle Sydney Chidester's claims in this case, Dkt. 66, is GRANTED;
- 2) The parties' stipulation, Dkt. 77, is accepted and this case is DISMISSED, with prejudice, without any costs to any of the parties.

Entered this 26th day of June, 2014.

BY THE COURT:

/s/
JAMES D. PETERSON
District Judge