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In Case No. 14-cv-747, brought by Robert Steed and three other plaintiffs, the court recently granted plaintiffs' request for recruitment of counsel, in part because the medication distribution policies challenged in that case deserve thorough and accurate development and presentation. See May 19, 2016 order, dkt. 51. In the instant case, the court has granted plaintiff leave to proceed on a similar-- but distinct--challenge to medication distribution policies at the same institution. At least at this early stage, plaintiff's two lawsuits seem similar enough for the court to package them together when asking for volunteer counsel. Therefore, plaintiff's motion for assistance recruiting counsel in this case (dkt. [21](#)) is GRANTED IN PRINCIPLE. The May 26, 2016 telephonic preliminary pretrial conference is CANCELED. The court will attempt to obtain volunteer counsel to assist plaintiff in this case. To be clear, it is possible that after consulting with attorneys who assist the court in these types of cases, the court may determine that this case is a stand-alone lawsuit that plaintiff will be able to handle on his own. The court will keep the parties apprised as its search for volunteer counsel progresses. Signed by Magistrate Judge Stephen L. Crocker on 5/24/2016. (elc),(ps) (Entered: 05/24/2016)