

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF RAMSEY

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No. 62-CV-19-1165

Brian Rinkel, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

ORDER

v.

Minnesota Department of Corrections,

Defendant.

The above-entitled matter came before the undersigned in a teleconference held on September 23, 2019, which emanated from a dispute between the parties regarding the payment of American Sign Language interpreter fees for a court-ordered mediation scheduled for September 26, 2019.

Attorneys Heather Gilbert and Roderick Macpherson appeared on behalf of Plaintiffs.

Assistant Attorney General Julianna Passe appeared on behalf of Defendant.

The court, being fully advised in the premises, and upon the files, records and proceedings herein,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Three American Sign Language court-certified interpreters shall be retained and utilized at the court-ordered mediation scheduled before James Ryan on September 26, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in order to provide meaningful access to the Plaintiffs in this matter, each of whom is deaf. Three interpreters are necessary, given the logistical difficulties presented

by the combination of Plaintiffs present in person at the mediation and Plaintiffs who are incarcerated and can only participate remotely via Skype.

2. Plaintiffs shall bear the cost for the first interpreter.
3. The State shall bear the cost for the second interpreter. Counsel for Plaintiffs shall provide the name of the second interpreter to counsel for Defendant. Defendant may retain the second interpreter by utilizing a state vendor with whom it has a contract.
4. The court shall bear the cost for the third interpreter, after consideration of a properly supported and filed *in forma pauperis* Petition. Counsel for Plaintiffs shall prepare and file the *in forma pauperis* Petition by September 25, 2019. The court will immediately issue an appropriate Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT:

Dated:

September 24, 2019



Thomas A. Gilligan, Jr.
District Court Judge

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