

***Williams v. Pritzker***  
Case No. 05-C4673 (N.D. Ill.)

***Colbert v. Pritzker***  
Case No. 07-C4737 (N.D. Ill.)

**Proposed Selection and Transition Plan to  
New Court Monitor:  
March 10, 2022 – June 30, 2022**

**Gail P. Hutchings, MPA  
Court Monitor**

**April 6, 2022**

The appointed Court Monitor to the *Williams v Pritzker* (Case No. 05-C4673 [N.D. III.]) and *Colbert v Pritzker* (Case No. 07-C4737 [N.D. III.]) Consent Decrees, Gail P. Hutchings, M.P.A., filed her written resignation notice to the Court on March 10, 2022, with an effective date of June 30, 2022. In such, she committed to provide the Court with a Proposed Transition Plan that would specify planned major activities and deadlines from now until the end of her service date.

In addition to identifying traditional Court Monitor activities, the Proposed Plan is to include steps to facilitate the Court and Parties to:

- identify potential Court Monitor candidates;
- coordinate the applicant interview processes; and
- keep the Court informed about progress with recruitment, including if the Parties come to agreement on a recommendation for the new Court Monitor.

The Court Monitor developed a draft Proposed Transition Plan and submitted it to the Parties for comment on March 28, 2022. She considered the Parties' feedback and then produced a final Proposed Transition Plan that follows below.

**If the Proposed Transition Plan is acceptable to the Court, the Court Monitor requests the Court to issue a Minute Order denoting agreement with the Transition Plan and providing the Monitor with the authority to adjust the Plan as may be necessary to facilitate the Parties' recommendation to the Court of the successor Monitor.**

The Court Monitor will provide an update the Court regarding the status of Transition Plan implementation including progress with Court Monitor candidate interviews during the next Status Hearing on April 20, 2022.

<b>Williams and Colbert Consent Decrees</b> <b>Proposed Selection and Transition Plan to New Court Monitor:</b> <b>March 10, 2022 – June 30, 2022</b> <b>(Court Filing: April 6, 2022)</b>		
<b>Target Date/ Deadline</b>	<b>TRACK 1: (Current) Court Monitor and Parties Major Activities</b>	<b>TRACK 2: Recruitment/Selection of New Court Monitor</b>
March 10, 2022		Court Filing: Court Monitor resignation letter
March 15, 2022		Invite Parties to identify candidates
March 15 - April 14, 2022		Employ national network to identify potential Court Monitor candidates
March 28, 2022	Propose Transition Plan to Parties and invite feedback	
April 5, 2022	Consider Parties' feedback and produce final Proposed Transition Plan	
April 6, 2022	<b>Court Filing: Final Proposed Transition Plan; Request Minute Order</b>	
April 7, 2022		Propose applicant interview and selection process to Parties and invite feedback
April 13, 2022		Consider feedback and produce final applicant interview and selection process; distribute to Parties
April 15, 2022		Application deadline for Court Monitor candidates
April 15, 2022	File Court Monitor mid-term transition compliance assessment report with Court	
April 18, 2022		Batch and provide candidate materials to Parties
April 19, 2022	Small Parties Meeting: discussion of Defendants' compliance plans and kick-off for FY23 Implementation Plans	
April 20, 2022	<b>Status Hearing</b>	
April 22, 2022		Parties identify candidates to interview and provide interview availability
April 26, 2022		Schedule interviews
April 28 – May 12, 2022		Candidate interviews
May 13, 2022		Party selection(s) and meeting to discuss and attempt to reach consensus
May 17, 2022		Parties' agreement on Candidate → Parties' Court filings requesting Judge's approval and order naming new Court Monitor
May 20, 2022		Parties' disagreement on Candidate → Parties' Court filings with recommendation and rationale for Court Monitor recommendation
May 25, 2022		If needed: Court Hearing for Judge to select new Court Monitor
June 10, 2022		DHS/DMH contract with new Court Monitor
June 13, 2022		New Court Monitor start date
June 24, 2022		Orientation sessions between current and new Court Monitors
June 29, 2022	FY23 Implementation Plans – Court filings	
June 30, 2022		Current Monitor resignation effective date