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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

NATHALIA GRISWALD, et. al.,)

Plaintiffs,) No. Civ 77-144 PHX CAM

vs.) STATUS REPORT

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Defendants.)

Plaintiffs and defendants entered a settlement of this litigation on April 2, 1979. The Court, following notice to the class of plaintiffs, approved the settlement of the parties on June 4, 1979 by entry of a judgment which incorporated the settlement agreement and which stated in part:

"5. Jurisdiction is retained by the Court until further Order. Any party may apply at any time for such further order as necessary or appropriate for the construction, implementation or enforcement of this Judgment."

A progress report was submitted to the Court on July 14, 1982. At that time, the parties agreed that progress of the defendants in complying with the provisions of the settlement agreement warranted termination of continued jurisdiction of the Court except in the following areas:

Addendum C - Physical Structures

Addendum H - Habilitation Program

Addendum I - Staff Ratios

With respect to these three sections, the following agreements have been reached.

PHYSICAL STRUCTURES

The settlement agreement required the defendants to remodel twelve cottages at the Arizona Training Program at Collidge (ATPC) according to standards stipulated in the agreement. Seven cottages have been remodeled. Instead of remodeling an eighth cottage, five homes on the grounds of ATPC were remodeled for use as group homes. The defendants determined that, rather than remodel the remaining four cottages, the number of persons residing in the cottages, approximately 60, would be moved to more appropriate living arrangements. "More appropriate living arrangements" means either a community residence operated or supported by the defendants or another Arizona Training Program operated by the defendants. The following schedule for making the requisite number of community placements and for closing the remaining cottages has been recommended to the Legislature for fiscal year 1984:

> Palo Yerde All residents have been placed.

and the cottage is closed.

Ironwood FY 1984

Sandpiper FY 1984

Mesquite FY 1984

The continued placement of approximately 60 individuals into the community and the cottage closures are contingent upon legislative approval of resource redirection to the community programs.

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alternative presented to the legislature is the appropriation of \$1.05 million dollars to remodel Ironwood, Sandpiper and Mesquite. However, since the above recommendations were made to the legislature, legislation is now pending to establish a planning process designed to determine in part the needs of developmentally disabled persons in Arizona for institutional placement and how their needs can best be met. This planning process will include a review of the need for the existence of the Training Program at Collidge as well as other state facilities. During the pendency of the planning process which is expected to be concluded by January 1, 1985 the parties believe it is in the best interest of the residents at the Training Program at Coolidge that the resident population and staff employed remain stable subject, however, to the understanding that movement of approximately 20 individuals and staff positions in any given fiscal year will not effect the stability of the program. | Therefore, plaintiffs and defendants agree that for a period not to exceed June 30, 1986, defendants will be permitted to continue to utilize Ironwood, Sandpiper and Mesquite. However, by June 30, 1986, the residents of these three cottages will be placed into residential settings which meet state standards regarding physical structures, either in the community, in another ATP, or in a remodeled cottage at ATCP.

HABILITATION PROGRAM

The settlement agreement required the defendants to provide a six hour adult day program by June 30, 1982. A full day program has now been defined to include adult day programming which occurs outside the residential setting and structured

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habilitation activities occuring in the residential setting. The definition and delivery of structured activities is described in Exhibit A and is incorporated by reference into this stipulation. The defendants anticipate that by June 30, 1983, a full day program will be available to each resident. By June 30, 1983, the defendants agree that the full day program for ATPC residents will be of sufficient quality to comply with 80% of the applicable State standards which will be comparable to those standards currently set forth in Arizona Standards for Services for Developmentally Disabled Individuals 1980. Compliance will be assessed annually by the defendants in association with a designated committee of members of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Arizona, Inc. (AARC).

STAFF RATIOS

The defendants agreed to obtain an overall ratio of residential direct care staff to residents of 1:1. The ratio was, as of December 17, 1982, approximately 1:1.08. It was anticipated that the ratio would have reached 1:1 in FY.1984, if continued community placement out of ATPC were enabled by legislative approval of resource redirection. However, because of the planning process described under PHYSICAL STRUCTURES; the defendants agree that the direct care staff to resident ratio will not exceed 1:1.08 during the period of the planning process. However, no later than June 30, 1985, the ratio will be 1:1. Defendants will use their best efforts to reduce the ratio sooner than June 30, 1985. "Direct care staff to resident ratio" is defined as habilitation

positions which are active assigned positions and which are avail-1 able to be filled as they become vacant, including filled by seasonal personnel to cover vacancies due to industrial injuries, 3 sickness, injury, etc. The ratio does not include any supervisory . 4 positions except for the supervisory position on the night shift. 5 Staff ratios will be monitored at least monthly by the defendants 6 and reports will be available to the designated committee of the 7 8 AARC. It is agreed by all parties that all other terms of the 9 judgment and the settlement agreement have been met. 10 consideration of these facts, it is further agreed by all parties 11 12

that termination of the jurisdiction of the Court (other than through the normal relief available in enforcing judgments) is warranted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28 day of March, 1983.

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