

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

M.H., on behalf of himself and on behalf of )  
the class of juvenile parolees who face )  
revocation proceedings, )

Plaintiffs, )

v. )

ADAM MONREAL, Chairman of the Illinois )  
Prisoner Review Board; CANDICE JONES, )  
Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice, )

Defendants. )

No. 12-cv-08523

Judge Andrea R. Wood

**ORDER**

1. The Parties negotiated a Consent Decree to resolve this case. The proposed terms of the Consent Decree relate to parole revocation proceedings affecting the Plaintiff class of juvenile parolees in the State of Illinois. The parties submitted the proposed Consent Decree to the Court for approval.

2. Pursuant to Court order, the parties provided notice to all class members who would be bound by the proposed Consent Decree. The notice included (a) the terms of the proposed Consent Decree; (b) the methods by which they could respond to the proposed Consent Decree; and (c) that a fairness hearing would be held on July 31, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

3. On July 31, 2014, this Court held a fairness hearing in open court on the proposed Consent Decree, in accordance with FED. R. CIV. P. 23(e).

4. In considering the fairness of the proposed consent decree, the Court considered the following:

- a. the operative Complaint;
  - b. the proposed terms of the consent decree;
  - c. the effects on class members bound by this consent decree;
  - d. comments provided by members of the Plaintiff class during focus groups conducted in Department of Juvenile Justice facilities by class counsel (Doc. No. 67-1), which indicated that the class members were overwhelmingly in favor of the Decree and that there were no substantive objections to the settlement;
  - e. comments on the Decree that were sent to class counsel by other interested parties (Doc. No. 67-2);
  - f. testimony from Lisa Jacobs, a member of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission, who testified that, based on her familiarity and experience with the juvenile parole system, the proposed decree would protect the due process rights of youth facing the revocation of their parole;
  - g. the proceedings in this case to date;
  - h. the apparent lack of any collusion; and
  - i. the likely expense of litigating this matter.
5. The Court invited anyone present to speak, but no class member or other member of the public appeared in open court to offer any comments to the Consent Decree.
6. The Court also granted the Plaintiffs' unopposed motion for approval of attorneys' fees and costs related to this case, finding them to be fair and reasonable.
7. Based upon the foregoing, and the Court's independent review of the consent decree, the Court finds that the consent decree is "fair, reasonable, and adequate" and satisfies

the requirements set forth in FED. R. CIV. P. 23(e). Accordingly, the Consent Decree is hereby approved.

***IT IS SO ORDERED.***

Dated: August 28, 2014

ENTERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea R. Wood", written over a horizontal line.

Andrea R. Wood  
United States District Judge