

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CHARLESTON DIVISION**

Michelle H., by her next friend Tamara
Coppinger, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Henry McMaster, in his official capacity as
Governor of South Carolina, and Michael
Leach, as State Director of the South
Carolina Department of Social Services,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:15-0134-RMG

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the Parties' Joint Motion for Maintenance of Effort Status with Respect to Sections IV.D.2, IV.E.3, and Appendix B of the Final Settlement Agreement (Dkt. No. 325) and on the Parties' Joint Motion for Termination and Exit with Respect to Sections IV.C.2. and IV.C.4(d), (e), and (f) of the Final Settlement Agreement (Dkt. No. 326). The Co-Monitors also joined in the Parties' motions.

For Sections IV.D.2, IV.E.3, and Appendix B of the Final Settlement Agreement, the Court finds that DSS has met the performance standards of the Final Settlement Agreement with respect to those sections and grants the Motion for Maintenance of Effort Status in those areas (Dkt. No. 325).

For Sections IV.C.2. and IV.C.4(d), (e), and (f), the Court previously granted maintenance effort status on August 3, 2023. (Dkt. No. 290). DSS has continued to comply with these sections of the Final Settlement Agreement as indicated by the most recent monitoring report of October 2024. (Dkt. No. 323). Accordingly, the Court finds that DSS has made sufficient improvement such that termination of this Court's jurisdiction over Sections IV.C.2 and IV.C.4(d), (e), and (f)

is appropriate. For these reasons, the Court grants the Parties' Joint Motion for Termination and Exit with Respect to Sections IV.C.2. and IV.C.4(d), (e), and (f) of the Final Settlement Agreement (Dkt. No. 326) and terminates its jurisdiction over those sections.

s/Richard Mark Gergel
Richard Mark Gergel
United States District Judge

October 18, 2024
Charleston, South Carolina