

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

KRISTY DUMONT; DANA DUMONT;
ERIN BUSK-SUTTON; REBECCA
BUSK-SUTTON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 17-cv-13080

Paul D. Borman
United States District Judge

ROBERT GORDON, in his official capacity
as the Director of the Michigan department
of Health and Human Services; and
HERMAN MCCALL, in his official
capacity as the Executive Director of
the Michigan Children's Services Agency,

Defendants,

and

ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC
CHARITIES, MELISSA BUCK, CHAD
BUCK, and SHAMBER FLORE,

Intervenor Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING STATE DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE
CONSIDERATION (ECF NO. 80) AND GRANTING THE STATE
DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A STIPULATED EXTENSION
OF STAY OF PROCEEDINGS UNTIL MARCH 31, 2019 (ECF NO. 79)

On January 24, 2019, the Court entered an order granting the State Defendants' and Plaintiffs' joint motion to stay proceedings to facilitate focused settlement

discussions in this case and ordered that the case be stayed for thirty days and that the Scheduling Order deadlines be extended accordingly. (ECF No. 76.) On February 22, 2019, the State Defendants filed a Motion for a Stipulated Extension of the Stay of Proceedings Until March 31, 2019 (ECF No. 79), and a Joint Motion for Immediate Consideration of the Motion for an Extension of the Stay (ECF No. 80). State Defendants represent in their motion that during the stay put in place by the Court on January 24, 2019, they have continued to actively engage with the Plaintiffs in productive settlement discussions but have also had to accommodate the substitution of a new Director of the Defendant Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the anticipated substitution of a new Acting Executive Director of the Defendant Michigan Children Services Agency, both of whom are diligently working to become familiar with this litigation so that they can meaningfully participate in the settlement process.

The State Defendants represent that the Plaintiffs have stipulated to the requested extension of the stay and that the parties continue to engage in good faith productive discussions aimed at settling this case and have a good faith belief that they may be able to settle the case given sufficient time. The State Defendants also represent that they sought concurrence from the Intervenor Defendants who took no position as to the requested extension of the stay.

The Court GRANTS the motion for immediate consideration and GRANTS the motion for an extension of the stay. The Court will GRANT a thirty (30) day extension of the stay of proceedings and will extend the fact and expert discovery deadlines, as well as the dispositive and expert motion deadlines, for a like period of time. Accordingly, the dates listed in the Court's January 24, 2019 Stay Order are amended as follows:

Fact Discovery Deadline:	April 22, 2019
Expert Discovery Deadline:	May 17, 2019
Motions Challenging Experts (if necessary) and Dispositive Motions filed by:	June 14, 2019
Responses to <i>Daubert</i> (if necessary) and to Dispositive Motions:	July 5, 2019
Replies to <i>Daubert</i> (if necessary) and to Dispositive Motions:	July 19, 2019
<i>Daubert</i> Motion Hearing (if necessary):	August 16, 2019
Dispositive Motion Hearing:	August 28, 2019

NO FURTHER EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 22, 2019

s/Paul D. Borman
Paul D. Borman
United States District Judge