

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

STACIE RAY,)	
<i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	Case No. 2:18-cv-00272
)	
v.)	
)	
STEPHANIE McCLOUD,)	Judge: Michael Watson
<i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	Magistrate Judge: Chelsey Vascura
Defendants.)	
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JOINT STATUS REPORT

On April 8, 2021, this Court made its second order that the parties file a status report in lieu of briefing Plaintiffs’ fee motion, detailing the status of their fee negotiations and Defendants’ compliance with the Court’s December 16, 2020 injunction in this case. (ECF No. 92)

Since that order, the parties met for a second settlement conference and exchanged detailed correspondence. Regarding its compliance with the Court’s injunction in this case, Defendant the Ohio Department of Health is putting into place a method by which transgender people born in Ohio may obtain corrections to the sex marker on their birth certificate. This method will be available as soon as possible, and the Ohio Department of Health continues to work to have this in place before June 1, 2021. The Department is developing an update to its Vital Statistics webpage and the information on Changing or Correcting a Birth Record which will explain the new process once it is in place. In the meantime, the Department is updating its communications on this issue to reflect compliance with the Court’s December 16, 2020 Order.

Negotiations over Plaintiffs' fee motion remain productive. The parties are also discussing a method by which Ohio Department of Health can issue corrected birth certificates to the four Plaintiffs in this case.

Unless the case has been resolved, the parties respectfully request a status conference be set for May 7, 2021, to discuss the pending fee motion and other remaining issues. A proposed order is attached.

Dated April 22, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

(signatures on following page)

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on April 22, 2021, the foregoing was filed electronically. Notice of this filing will be sent to all parties for whom counsel has entered an appearance by operation of the Court's electronic filing system. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the parties' Joint Status Report, in which the parties represent that their negotiations over Plaintiffs' fee motion remain ongoing and productive, and that Defendants are coming into compliance with the Court's December 16, 2020 injunction. (ECF No. 93).

The parties are ORDERED to appear for a telephonic status conference on May 7, 2021, at a time to be scheduled by the Court, unless the dispute has been resolved prior to that date. If the parties inform the Court that their discussions have ceased to be productive, the Court will reinstate briefing on the fee motion immediately.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE