

# **EXHIBIT B**

## **Consent Decree**

*Mays v. County of Sacramento*

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**DUTIES OF RULE 706 EXPERTS**

Pursuant to Rule 706(b) of the Federal Rules of Evidence, the parties set forth the duties of the Court Experts.

1. The Court Experts shall advise the parties and the Court on Defendant's compliance or non-compliance with the medical care, mental health care, and suicide prevention provisions of the Remedial Plan, to assist with dispute resolution matters, and to provide testimony, if required, in any proceedings before the Court.
2. Within 180 days after entry of this Consent Decree, and then every 180 days thereafter during the term of this Consent Decree, the Court Experts shall each complete comprehensive reviews and reports ("180-Day Reports") to advise the parties and the Court on Defendant's compliance or non-compliance with the Remedial Plan.
3. In each 180-Day Report, the Court Experts shall state their opinion as to whether Defendant is or is not in substantial compliance with each material component of the Remedial Plan within the expert's area of expertise. These opinions are referred to in the Consent Decree as "Substantial Compliance Determinations." The 180-Day Reports shall be considered separate and apart from any evaluations and reports prepared as part of the dispute resolution process set forth in the Consent Decree and shall be admissible in evidence in any proceedings before the Court.
4. The Court Experts shall be entitled to reasonable expenses incurred plus reasonable hourly and/or daily rates, which shall be paid by Defendant.
5. With appropriate notice, the Court Experts shall have reasonable access to all parts of any Sacramento County jail facility. Access to the facilities will not be unreasonably restricted. The Court Experts shall have access to correctional and health care staff and people incarcerated in the jails, including confidential and voluntary interviews as they deem appropriate. The Court Experts shall also have access to documents, including budgetary, custody, and health care documents, and institutional meetings, proceedings, and programs to the extent the Court Experts determine such access is needed to fulfill their obligations. The Court Experts' tours shall be undertaken in a manner that does not unreasonably interfere with jail operations as reasonably determined by jail administrators.
6. The Court Experts may engage in ex parte communications with the parties, as requested. However, all of the Court Experts' findings and recommendations shall be set forth in writing in their reports.
7. Pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures set forth in the Consent Decree, either party may request that the relevant Court Expert evaluate the issue in dispute and prepare a

report. The expert must provide the report regarding the area of disagreement to the parties and the Mediator within 45 days of the request. Defendant will pay the Court Experts' reasonable fees for any reports prepared by a Court expert at the request of a party about a disputed issue, as contemplated by this paragraph.