

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

BOBBY M., et al.)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	No. TCA 83-7003
)	
ROBERT GRAHAM, et al.)	
)	
Defendants.)	

STIPULATION AND ORDER

The plaintiffs and HRS defendants agree to further systematic reduction of the population at the remaining training schools (the Dozier School and the Eckerd Youth Development Center). The HRS defendants shall take all action within their existing authority and resources to reduce the population of the training schools to the lowest number possible. In order to determine the lowest number possible and to implement a mutually acceptable and appropriate plan to reach that number, the parties agree to the following process:

1. The HRS defendants shall employ Paul DeMuro and Dr. Brad Fisher to develop a comprehensive assessment of existing community programs for commitment of delinquent youth. Community programs include all residential and

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non-residential programs operated by HRS or licensed by HRS through purchase of services, other than the training schools.

2. The consultants shall develop a preliminary plan for systematically reducing the population at the training schools to the lowest number possible using existing community programs, with or without program modifications, and other existing HRS resources to the extent practicable. These modifications may include, but are not limited to, changes in: criteria for admissions; procedures and reasons for transfer; program rules of behavior; program goals; performance evaluations; lengths of stay; and reallocation of resources. The consultants' plan shall include appropriate alternative placements for youth who are now or may in the future be committed to the training schools.

3. In preparing their assessment and preliminary plan, the consultants shall have access to all information and sources of information concerning community programs including documents, data, on site visitation, and briefings by pertinent HRS staff. The consultants shall cooperate with the HRS defendants in identifying and obtaining requested information and data.

4. Initially, the HRS defendants shall provide the consultants the following information concerning community programs on a schedule agreed to among the consultants, the

plaintiffs and the HRS defendants:

- a. identity of program
- b. location
- c. characteristics of youth committed and excluded from the program
- d. description of the program
- e. admissions and transfer criteria and information on selected transfer dispositions
- f. average length of stay
- g. budget
- h. whether contracted for or directly operated by HRS
- i. number of beds or slots
- j. utilization rates or percentage of capacity used.

5. The consultants' assessment and preliminary plan shall be completed and furnished to counsel for the plaintiffs and the HRS defendants no later than Oct. 25, 1985.

6. Counsel for the plaintiffs and the HRS defendants shall meet on or about November 5, 1985, for the purpose of reviewing and finalizing the preliminary plan. The final plan shall include negotiated time frames and priorities for implementation of those recommendations of the consultants that are feasible and reasonably calculated to achieve the .

systematic reduction of the population at the training schools to the lowest number possible. The final plan shall be the subject of a further stipulation.

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Based on the joint motion of the plaintiffs and the HRS defendants, the foregoing Stipulation is hereby approved as an order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Tallahassee, Florida, this 28th day of August 1985.

Yvonne M. Lane
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE