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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
AND THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RALPH COLEMAN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

No. CIV S-90-0520 LKK JFM P (E.D. Cal.)

v.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER,
et al.,

Defendants.

MARCIANO PLATA, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

No. C 01-1351 TEH (N.D. Cal.)

v.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER,
et al.,

Defendants.

CARLOS PEREZ, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

No. C 05-5241 JSW (N.D. Cal.)

v.

JAMES TILTON, et al.,

Defendants.

1 JOHN ARMSTRONG, et al.,

2 Plaintiffs,

No. C 94-2307 CW (N.D. Cal.)

3 v.

4 ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER,
5 et al.,

ORDER APPROVING INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY COORDINATION
AGREEMENT

6 Defendants.
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8 The Receiver in Plata, the Special Master in Coleman, and the Court Representatives in
9 Perez and Armstrong presented to the judges in the above-captioned cases the attached
10 agreement regarding information technology that they reached during the coordination meetings
11 they have held to date. On February 4, 2008, the undersigned judges granted the parties until
12 February 15, 2008, to show cause as to why the agreement should not be adopted as a court
13 order. Defendants filed a timely response in each case, but none of the four sets of Plaintiffs
14 filed a response.

15 In their response, Defendants stated that they did not object to the agreement but sought
16 “to ensure that the [Plata] Receiver will coordinate with the Department of Mental Health in
17 order to facilitate technological compatibility and communication regarding patient care between
18 the Department of Mental Health [DMH] and the California Department of Corrections and
19 Rehabilitation [CDCR].” Defs.’ Response at 2. The Receiver has no objection to such
20 coordination.

21 Accordingly, with good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 22 1. The attached coordination agreement regarding information technology is approved.
- 23 2. The Plata Receiver shall coordinate with DMH to facilitate technological
24 compatibility and communication regarding patient care between DMH and CDCR.


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3. The Plata Receiver shall file quarterly reports in each of the above-captioned cases concerning developments pertaining to matters that are the subject of the information technology agreement. The first such quarterly report shall be filed on or before June 15, 2008.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 03/10/08


LAWRENCE K. KARLTON
SENIOR JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA


DATED: 03/10/08


THELTON E. HENDERSON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DATED: 03/10/08


JEFFREY S. WHITE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DATED: 03/10/08


CLAUDIA WILKEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

1 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

2 The objective of the Receiver's long term information technology (IT) program is to
3 construct and support the California Correction Health Care Information System based on the
4 importance of "correct data at the point of care." The core design is based on an Electronic
5 Medical Record (EMR) for each inmate/patient. The EMR will be paperless, medical
6 information gathered in one location for physicians and clinicians to access, at various locations,
7 and thereby enable them to make informed and safe medical decisions. All data obtained will be
8 patient-centric to allow for an "Information at the Point of Care" system.

9 To support the establishment of an EMR, a foundation will be formed. It will contain
10 four components: 1) technical infrastructure, 2) clinical infrastructure, 3) data infrastructure, and
11 4) operational infrastructure. The technical infrastructure will provide a high-speed connection
12 to a network of multiple sites. The clinical infrastructure will provide a repository of
13 standardized data through verifiable data processes and compile medical data across all
14 compliant data sources into a unified database that can be used to generate information valuable
15 for patient care and healthcare management. The data infrastructure will implement a secure
16 clinical web-based portal tool that allows clinical staff appropriate access to verified and
17 standardized patient data at the point of care or clinical work areas (i.e. university hospitals, local
18 specialty care centers). The operational infrastructure will provide clinical informatics with a
19 near zero fault tolerance system to support various operations (i.e. Maxor Pharmaceuticals).

20 Upon this foundation, the EMR will be supported by uniform clinical data provided by
21 two types of clinical information systems: 1) clinical business systems and 2) clinical systems.
22 The Clinical Business System will sustain such areas as access tracking, scheduling, correctional
23 interface, clinical resource scheduling, clinical contracting, credentialing, and continuing
24 medical education (CME) verification. The clinical systems will sustain such areas as
25 laboratory, radiology, pharmacy, clinical department workflow, telemedicine, digital imaging,
26 dental systems and mental health systems.

1 Based on these systems the EMR will facilitate:

- 2 • a clinical data warehouse
- 3 • views on data - patient, clinician, administrator portals and reports
- 4 • integrated patient care at the regional level
- 5 • clinical/case management and outcome reporting
- 6 • chronic disease registries
- 7 • enterprise wide/common scheduling
- 8 • supported clinical decisions
- 9 • cost effective and timely patient-centered care
- 10 • telemedicine delivery

11 The Receiver will assume responsibility for implementation of the long term IT program
12 to include the medical, dental and mental health programs. The Coleman Special Master, the
13 Perez court experts, the Armstrong court representative, and defendants' mental health and
14 dental administrators will be kept informed of the progress of this long range project and will
15 provide necessary input concerning mental health, dental and Armstrong clinical data needs.

16 Telemedicine is a critical component of the Receiver's plan to bring the California Prison
17 Health Care system to a constitutional standard. The Receiver will assume responsibility for the
18 telemedicine program serving the medical, dental, mental health and Armstrong programs to
19 include direct oversight of the office of telemedicine services comprised of eight personnel [4
20 RNs, 2 Staff Services Analysts (SSAs), 1 Health Records Technician II (HRT II), and 1 TCA II].

21 The Coleman Special Master will consult with defendants' mental health administrators to assist
22 in establishing clinical guidelines for the mental health component of the telemedicine program.

23 The Receiver will assume responsibility to support the current Mental Health Tracking
24 System until it can be integrated into the long term IT program.

25 There will be ongoing coordination among the four cases to ensure that the Disability and
26 Effective Communication System (DECS) and the Receiver's IT system are integrated
appropriately.