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KATIE A., by and through her next friend Michael Ludin; MARY B., by and through her next friend Robert Jacobs; JANET C., by and through her next friend Dolores Johnson; HENRY D., by and through his next friend Gillian Brown; AND GARY E., by and through his next friend Michael Ludin, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DIANA BONTA, Director of California Department of Health Services; LOS ANGELES COUNTY; LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES; ANITA BOCK, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services; RITA SAENZ, Director of the California Department of Social Services, and Does 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. CV-02-05662 AHM (SHx)

JOINT STATE LEADERSHIP PLAN FOR KATIE A. PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

Crtroom: 14
 Judge Hon. A. Howard Matz

1 This Joint State Leadership Plan is submitted by the Directors of the
2 California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the California
3 Department of Social Services (CDSS) in response to Special Master Richard
4 Saletta's recommendation for DHCS and CDSS to file an "*Interim Joint Leadership*
5 *Plan*" no later than March 2, 2012, in his February 10, 2012, Report to the United
6 States District Court, Central District of California.

7 To implement joint/shared DHCS and CDSS management and promote
8 agencies working together at both the State and local levels on the Katie A.
9 settlement, the directors of DHCS and CDSS commit to the following:

- 10 1. Greg Rose, CDSS Deputy Director for Children and Family Services will be
11 the CDSS representative to this Joint State Leadership Group. Mr. Rose will
12 have direct authority for policy decision making as appropriate and to
13 communicate with the CDSS Director regarding the Katie A settlement.
14 There will be regularly scheduled meetings and ad hoc meetings between
15 Director Will Lightbourne and Greg Rose for briefings, policy decision
16 making and issue resolution.
- 17 2. Dina Kokkos-Gonzales, Chief of the Waiver Analysis Branch, within DHCS'
18 Benefits, Waiver Analysis and Rates Division (BWARD) has been appointed
19 by DHCS' Director Toby Douglas to be the DHCS representative to this
20 Joint Leadership Group. Ms. Kokkos-Gonzales will have direct authority for
21 policy decision making as appropriate and to communicate with DHCS
22 Director Toby Douglas regarding the Katie A. settlement. There will be
23 regularly scheduled meetings and ad hoc meetings between Director Toby
24 Douglas and Dina Kokkos-Gonzales for briefings, policy decision making
25 and issue resolution.
- 26 3. Mr. Rose and Ms. Kokkos-Gonzales will jointly prepare and revise policies
27 and procedures as needed to ensure shared practice is consistent and
28 duplication is avoided, and shall include a process for quickly resolving

1 conflicts. The Directors and counsel from both departments will meet on a
2 regular basis to discuss the status and successful planning of the
3 implementation plan, and to ensure that the shared management structure is
4 achieving its goals.

- 5 4. Mr. Rose and Ms. Kokkos-Gonzales will represent the CDSS and DHCS
6 leadership throughout the implementation of the Joint Leadership Plan and
7 the Katie A. settlement in general.
- 8 5. Mr. Rose and Ms. Kokkos-Gonzales will facilitate the identification and
9 recruitment of other high-level policy and administrative subject matter
10 experts from both CDSS and DHCS to participate on the Negotiation
11 Workgroup and task forces as needed.
- 12 6. Mr. Rose and Ms. Kokkos-Gonzales will provide policy leadership and
13 direction to the Negotiation Workgroup as it completes and launches the
14 Implementation Plan, ensure joint department leadership, and work together
15 outside formal meetings – with Special Master assistance as needed – to plan,
16 prepare for, and guide CDSS and DHCS in Katie A. implementation. It is
17 anticipated that Mr. Rose and Ms. Kokkos-Gonzales will continue to meet on
18 a weekly basis to collaborate and coordinate the two departments’ efforts.
- 19 7. As the leaders, Mr. Rose and Ms. Kokkos-Gonzales will facilitate
20 interagency commitment and collaboration between the state departments
21 and at the county and subcontractor levels to implement the core practice
22 model, intensive services and training, and accountability efforts called for in
23 the Settlement Agreement. This process will include:
 - 24 (1) Building upon existing relationships with all state
25 agencies that serve foster youth with mental health
26 needs including the State Department of Education,
27 DHCS’ Drug Medi-Cal program, the California
28 Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, and

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other already existing state interagency teams, the
Child Welfare Council, local blue ribbon
commissions, etc.

- (2) Developing and providing models for local agencies to consider to work more effectively together, including, integration of departments or services, specific coordination management models that oversee the departments, and/or Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs) for specific collaboration.

CDSS and DHCS intend to retain this joint state leadership effort through the full period of court jurisdiction. It is also the intent of this Joint Leadership Plan to address the need for sustained leadership during the current DHCS Deputy Director position vacancy and ensure a permanent pairing of CDSS and DHCS once the position has been filled.

Dated: March 1, 2012

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Case Name: KATIE A., et al. v. BONTA, et al. No. CV-02-05662 AHM (SHx)

I hereby certify that on March 1, 2012, I electronically filed the following document with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system:

**JOINT STATE LEADERSHIP PLAN FOR KATIE A.
PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Participants in the case who are registered CM/ECF users will be served by the CM/ECF system.

I further certify that some of the participants in the case are not registered CM/ECF users.

On March 1, 2012, I mailed the foregoing document by First-Class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, for delivery within three (3) calendar days to the following non-CM/ECF participants:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on March 1, 2012, at Los Angeles, California.

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