

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. CA14-175

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,
Defendant.

DEFENDANT'S FOURTH STATUS REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION

The State of Rhode Island provides this Fourth Status Report to demonstrate its progress and compliance with certain requirements set forth in the Court's Order of May 18, 2016. The specific paragraphs in the order are identified in the titles of the sections below, and addressed, primarily, with the attached exhibits.

II. LIVE DATABASE TO EFFECTIVELY TRACK EACH MEMBER OF EACH TARGET POPULATION OUTLINED IN THE CONSENT DECREE – Court Order Paragraph 2

See attached, as Exhibit 1(a) – Database Progress Report; Exhibit 1(b) – Database Requirement and Status Update; and Exhibit 1(c) – CD Database File Layout.

III. ACCESS TO CONSENT DECREE DATABASE – Court Order Paragraph 3

See attached, as Exhibit 2 – Proposed Strategy on Accessing Consent Decree Database.

IV. SHARING OF CONSENT DECREE UPDATE THROUGH BHDDH'S NEWSLETTER – Court Order Paragraph 5(d)(4)

See attached, as Exhibit 3 – BHDDH's July Newsletter.

V. TRAINING OF BHDDH POLICY NO. SIS-4 – Court Order Paragraph 5(f)

See attached, as Exhibit 4 – Signed Training Acknowledgment Sheets.

VI. **IMPLEMENTATION OF ONGOING CPD TRAINING – Court Order Paragraph 5(h)**

See attached, as Exhibit 5(a) – BHDDH's CDP for Ongoing Training and Supervision; Exhibit 5(b) – ORS's CDP for Ongoing Training and Supervision; and Exhibit 5(c) – RIDE'S CDP for Ongoing Training and Supervision.

VII. **RIDE'S IMPLEMENTATION OF CENSUS CLERK TRAINING – Court Order Paragraph 5(i)**

See attached, as Exhibit 6 – RIDE's Census Clerk Training Update.

VIII. **HIRING OF PROGRAM DEVELOPER AND EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST – Court Order Paragraph 5(j)**

See attached, as Exhibit 7 – Appointment Letter of new Program Developer and Employment Specialist, Tracey Cunningham.

IX. **IMPLEMENT A SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM – Court Order Paragraphs 5(k)(l)(m)**

See attached, as Exhibit 8 – Description of Supported Employment Services Performance Based Incentive Program.

X. **APPROPRIATELY INCREASE SALARIES, BENEFITS, TRAINING, AND SUPERVISION FOR DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS AND JOB COACHES – Court Order Paragraphs 5(n)**

See attached, as Exhibit 9 – Notice of Wage Increase Methodology and Verification.

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¹ In accord with this Court's Order of May 18, 2016, this Fourth Status Report was prepared by members of ORS, BHDDH, RIDE and other applicable governmental entities who agree with its content and accuracy, therein.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the enclosed document was electronically filed with the Court, and is available for viewing and downloading from the ECF system and, in addition, was emailed, on this 29th day of July, 2016, to:

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