

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

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HELEN GEMMELL; and MEA MARTINEZ,))
individually and on behalf))
of all others similarly situated,))
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Plaintiffs,))
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v.)	C.A. No. 16-650 WES
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ERIC BEANE, in his official))
Capacity as Acting Director of))
the Rhode Island Department of))
Human Services,))
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Defendant.))
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ORDER

In light of the fact that the Governor has made public comments regarding this Court’s anticipated appointment of a Special Master in this matter,¹ which the Court has been discussing confidentially with the parties for a number of weeks, the Court orders as follows: the scheduled November 2, 2017 in-chambers conference will be converted into a public hearing. At this hearing, the Court will hear from the parties regarding (1) the appointment of a Special Master, and (2) steps to immediately address the impact of Defendant’s failure to meet its obligations

¹ See, e.g., Katherine Gregg, Raimondo Says She May Support Special Master To Oversee UHIP, Providence J., Oct. 26, 2017, <http://www.providencejournal.com/news/20171026/raimondo-says-she-may-support-special-master-to-oversee-uhip>.

under the February 28, 2017 Order of this Court (ECF No. 18); further, the following documents previously submitted to the Court and opposing party by email shall be made part of the Docket:

- (1) Rule 53(b) Affidavit of Deming Sherman, Esq.;
- (2) correspondence on behalf of Defendant from Assistant Attorney General Brenda Baum, dated October 27, 2017;
and
- (3) correspondence on behalf of Plaintiffs from Lynette Labinger, Esq., dated October 30, 2017.

The Court anticipates it will proceed with the appointment of a Special Master after hearing from the parties.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



William E. Smith
Chief Judge
Date: October 31, 2017