

CAUSE NO. _____

IN THE INTEREST OF:

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

A CHILD/CHILDREN

_____ COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER FOR PARENT COACHING APPOINTMENT OF THERAPIST

On this day, the Court considered the request for Parent Coaching, and the Court finds that there is good cause shown for appointment of a Therapist to provide Parent Coaching as noted herein, and that such an appointment is in the best interest of the child(ren) in this cause. The Court finds that all parties have knowledge of this order; and each party has the ability to comply with its terms.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Susan Fletcher, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, 2500 Legacy Drive, Suite 120, Frisco, Texas 75034, (972) 612-1188 is appointed as the Parent Coach for _____. Parent Coaching is to assist the party to work on improving parenting behavior, skills, and perceptions and the party is ORDERED to contact the Therapist's office within 3 business days of the signing of this order, to provide a copy of this order to the Therapist and provide his/her completed intake paperwork to the Therapist as directed by the Therapist. In addition, the party is ORDERED to schedule an initial appointment. In the event a mutually-agreeable appointment time cannot be set, the Therapist shall select a date for the initial appointment and the party is ORDERED to cooperate with the Therapist in scheduling and appear as directed by the Therapist. The party and his/her attorney are ORDERED to provide copies of all current orders, including the current court-ordered parenting time schedule, to the Therapist and to provide any updated orders within 3 business days of such orders being signed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Therapist will meet with the party individually as the therapist deems appropriate. The party shall fully comply with the Therapist's requests in conducting therapy. The duration, frequency, and location for each session with the Therapist shall be left to the discretion of the Therapist, who is specifically authorized to notify the Court if the party is failing to comply with the spirit or letter of this order or other orders of the Court.

COMMUNICATION

IT IS ORDERED that the Therapist will communicate, share information and receive information from the Court Appointed Amicus Attorney who will provide the information to the parties' attorneys. The Therapist will receive information from the parties' attorneys only through the Court Appointed Amicus Attorney. The Therapist will also consult and provide information to any appointed Custody Evaluator and any other mental health professional in connection with this litigation as deemed necessary by the Therapist.

IT IS ORDERED the parties shall execute any HIPAA authorizations as requested by the Therapist to enable the Therapist to receive or provide information about the party or the children in question. The party shall notify the Therapist in writing within 24 hours of any changes in their contact information, legal representation, residency, or occupants of their home.

IT IS ORDERED that the Therapist shall have access to the parties' Our Family Wizard accounts. The parties are ORDERED to complete whatever forms are necessary for the Therapist to have such access.

PAYMENT

IT IS ORDERED that _____ shall pay 100% of the amount billed by the Therapist for her services as a Parent Coach, not limited to appointments that are held, her review of documents, and consultation with other professionals.

That party is ORDERED to pay the initial retainer and requested retainer replenishments directly to the Therapist within seven days of the Therapist's request for payment.

THERAPIST TESTIMONY

IT IS ORDERED that the Therapist shall testify at any hearing in this case at the written request of any attorney of record sent via subpoena, which may be delivered to the Therapist via e-mail. The party issuing the subpoena shall be responsible for the Therapist's customary and usual fees for testifying and said fees shall be paid at least seven days prior to the hearing in the manner specified by the Therapist.

Therapy is not a substitute for a Child Custody Evaluation within the terms of Family Code Chapter 107; therefore, the Therapist shall not make recommendations as to the conservatorship of, possession (parenting schedule) of, or access to the child(ren). The Therapist may make recommendations to the party regarding changes in conduct that may be helpful to the party in implementing the Court's orders.

The Court finds that the immunity afforded to the Therapist through appointment by the Court is often insufficient to protect that Therapist from defending against a complaint filed with the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council (BHEC). The Court further finds that it is in the best interest of the children, the parties, and the public, that the Therapist should be allowed to follow the Court's Order without fear of reprisal for conducting services and making recommendations consistent with this order. Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that prior to a party, attorney, or person(s) acting on behalf of a party or attorney subpoenaing, issuing notice of intent to take the deposition of, or filing a complaint against the Therapist with any Texas State Board, a motion be set and heard by the Court. Failure to so do can result in sanctions, attorney fees, and/or contempt proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Judge Presiding

AGREED:

Printed Name:

Printed Name:

Bar Number:

Bar Number:

Attorney for Petitioner

Attorney for Respondent