

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**PLAINTIFF**

**V.**

**CAUSE NO. 3:16-CV-622-CWR-FKB**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**DEFENDANT**

**ORDER**

At the status conference of February 22, 2021, the parties discussed various ways to move this case toward Final Judgment. This Order resolves those proposals as follows:

The defendant's request for at least 60 days to submit a proposed Agreed Order or its proposed remedial plan is granted. Either an Agreed Order or proposed remedial plan shall be filed on the docket by April 30, 2021. The plaintiff's response, if any, is due 21 days later.

The Special Master is asked to weigh in on the parties' points of disagreement—again, if any. As the plaintiff observed at the status conference, Dr. Hogan's expert advice to this Court concerning any proposed remedial plan was central to his engagement so long ago. The Special Master is asked to support his recommendations by reference to his vast experience and knowledge of mental health systems, rather than to any statement made by a party during settlement negotiations. *See* Fed. R. Evid. 408. The Special Master's input is requested by June 4, 2021.

The Court intends to hold a final hearing on the matter in June 2021.

**SO ORDERED**, this the 24th day of February, 2021.

s/ Carlton W. Reeves  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE