

**Fourth Agreement with Monitoring Team Panel
to Monitor 16- and 17-Year-Old Adolescent Offenders at Horizon Juvenile Center**

This Agreement (“Agreement”) is voluntarily entered into by the Monitor appointed in the *Nunez* Consent Decree (11-cv-5845, docket entry 249) as defined in § XX, ¶ 1 & 6 (the “Monitoring Team Panel” or “Monitor”), the City of New York (the “City”), and the Administration of Children Services (“ACS”), for the period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. This Agreement concerns the management and supervision of Adolescent Offenders, as defined under Criminal Procedure Law § 1.20(44), who are or will be housed at the Horizon Juvenile Center (“AO Youth”), and the operation of that facility.

- (1) ACS will make deliberate and good faith efforts to improve its practices regarding the enumerated provisions in ¶ 2 below.
- (2) ACS agrees to the following:
 - a. AO Youth shall be supervised at all times in a manner that protects them from an unreasonable risk of harm. Staff shall intervene in a timely manner to prevent youth-on-youth fights and assaults, and to de-escalate youth-on-youth confrontations, as soon as it is practicable and reasonably safe to do so.
 - b. ACS shall conduct timely and thorough reviews of Physical Restraints to determine whether the intervention was appropriate and whether ACS staff complied with the ACS Physical Restraint Policies.
 - c. ACS shall maintain systems, policies, and procedures for AO Youth that: (i) reward and incentivize positive conduct and (ii) sanction negative conduct. The application of these procedures shall be individualized, consistent with any treatment needs for AO Youth and shall not compromise the safety of other AO Youth or ACS staff.
- (3) ACS agrees, in the spirit of collaboration and in recognition of the deep mutual commitment to improving program and practice goals, to continue to consult with the Monitoring Team Panel regarding the areas set forth above in Paragraphs 2(a)-(c). The Monitoring Team Panel may, as necessary, meet on a quarterly basis with the ACS Commissioner and relevant associated senior staff, to discuss the Monitoring Team Panel’s observations and assessment of ACS program and practice at Horizon Juvenile Center, improvements made or not, and to relate any other information that the Monitoring Team Panel deems relevant and appropriate for enhancing ACS’ practice at Horizon Juvenile Center.
- (4) During the period of this Agreement, the Monitoring Team Panel may, as necessary, provide technical assistance to ACS regarding the terms of this Agreement.
- (5) The Monitor will assess compliance with the requirements set forth above in Paragraphs 2(a)-(c). For purposes of this Agreement, the Monitor shall find ACS to be in “Compliance” with a provision if the Monitor finds that ACS has consistently complied with the relevant requirement and any violations of the relevant requirement are only minor or occasional and not systemic, material, or recurring. The Monitor will file one public

report (“Monitor’s Report”) on the docket 11-cv-5845 (LTS) (S.D.N.Y.) assessing ACS’ compliance with these requirements during the reporting period.

- a. There shall be one reporting period during the term of this Agreement. The reporting period shall cover July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
 - b. The Monitor shall issue a report within 90 business days following the reporting period. Within 45 days from the end of the reporting period, detailed in subdivision (a) of this Section, ACS will share a Written Compliance Assessment, followed by a presentation/meeting with the Monitoring Team describing ACS efforts, successes and challenges in meeting the expectations detailed in Paragraphs 2(a-c) of this Agreement. The Monitor’s Report shall be provided to the City and ACS in draft form for comment at least 30 business days prior to its issuance. The City and ACS shall provide the Monitor with their comments, if any, within 15 business days after receipt of the draft Monitor’s Report. The Monitor shall consider the comments, and make any changes deemed appropriate, before issuing the final report. The Monitor’s Report shall be written with due regard for the privacy interests of individual AO Youth and ACS staff members; federal, state and local laws regarding the privacy of such information; and the interest of ACS in protecting against the disclosure of non-public or privileged information. Consistent with such interests and laws, the Monitor shall redact individual-identifying information from the Monitor’s Report and any documents submitted with that report, and shall give due consideration to ACS’s requests to edit or redact any other information. The Monitor shall provide the final report and redline comparing the final report with the draft Monitor’s Report to ACS 5 business days prior to issuing the final report. To the extent the Monitor declines to make the edits or redactions requested by ACS, ACS can append any comments to the Monitor’s Report that is submitted by providing such appendix to the Monitor by noon the day the final report is to be issued.
 - c. The Monitor’s Report shall provide relevant and appropriate context for its findings and give due consideration to the totality of the circumstances. Further, as appropriate and relevant, the Monitor’s Report shall describe: (1) ACS’ diligent and good faith efforts to implement ¶ 2 (a)-(c) of this Agreement, (2) generally accepted practice for 16- and 17-year old youth as it relates to this Agreement, and (3) any challenges or obstacles related to implementing ¶ 2 (a)-(c) of this Agreement.
 - d. ACS will be afforded the opportunity to append a response to the final Monitor’s Report filed with the Court.
- (6) In furtherance of this Agreement, the City shall bear all reasonable fees, costs, and expenses of the Monitor, including payments to the Monitor’s staff as required under the *Nunez* Consent Judgment § XX, ¶ 5 and consistent with the Monitoring Team Panel’s payment structure with the City that is in place for the *Nunez* Consent Judgment.

- (7) ACS will provide the Monitoring Team Panel reasonable and timely access to relevant information and documents in order to perform the responsibilities of this Agreement. The January 7, 2021 confidentiality agreement between the Monitoring Team Panel and ACS, which delineates the acquisition and appropriate use by the Monitoring Team Panel of confidential information, prohibitions on secondary dissemination, record retention during the period of this Agreement, and destruction of records provided to the Monitoring Team Panel at the end of the period of this Agreement, remains in effect.

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