



failing to comply with the spirit or letter of this order or other orders of the Court by filling a report limited to a statement of whether the parenting coordination should continue.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the expense of the Parenting Coordination shall be shared equally between the parties. The parties will advance the cost of the Parenting Coordinator in equal shares, with the exception that the Parenting Coordinator may assess to each party a pro rata share for time expended for reviewing documentation, out-of-session time, and other individual services. The Court deems these payments be taxed as costs of suit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Parenting Coordinator shall have the following responsibilities and the authority to carry out such responsibilities. The Parenting Coordinator:

- shall assist the parties in minimizing child-related conflicts between the parents and resolving issues related to parenting or other family issues, including aiding in
  - (1) identifying disputed issues;
  - (2) reducing misunderstandings;
  - (3) clarifying priorities;
  - (4) exploring possibilities for problem solving;
  - (5) developing methods of collaboration in parenting;
  - (6) understanding parenting plans and reaching agreements about parenting issues to be included in a parenting plan; and
  - (7) complying with the court's order regarding conservatorship or possession of and access to the child.
- shall assist the parties and the children to promote the children's rights of access to both parents and to protect the children's best interest in general;

- is entitled to communicate with parties, children, health care providers, psychological providers and any other third parties as deemed necessary by the Parenting Coordinator;
- May make recommendations verbally or in writing regarding the needs of the children or the co-parenting relationship;
- shall work to educate parents to effectively
  1. Parent in a manner that minimizes conflicts;
  2. Communicate and negotiate;
  3. Develop and apply appropriate parenting skills;
  4. Meet the developmental needs of their children;
  5. Disengage from each other when engagement leads to conflicts and non-cooperation; and
  6. Allow the children to grow up free from the threat of being caught in the middle of their parents' disputes;
- shall, when necessary, recommend to the parents that one or both avail themselves of appropriate community resources, including, but not limited to, random drug screens, formal parenting classes, and individual psychotherapy or family counseling.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the parties

- shall cooperate with the Parenting Coordinator and shall execute any necessary authorizations to enable the Parenting Coordinator to obtain information about the children or the parties or other caretakers;
- shall direct any disagreements regarding the children to the Parenting Coordinator before seeking court action, unless a child's safety is jeopardized. The Parenting Coordinator will work with both parents to resolve the conflict and, if necessary, will recommend an appropriate resolution to the parties and their legal counsel;

- shall contact the Parenting Coordinator only during regular business hours or at other times scheduled by the Parenting Coordinator. The assistance provided by the Parenting Coordinator is not intended to be a crisis intervention service;
- shall notify the Parenting Coordinator in writing within 24 hours of any changes in their contact information, legal representation, residency, or occupants of their home.

Specific Problem Areas Identified include:

Signed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

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JUDGE PRESIDING