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6 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**
7 **FOR KING COUNTY**

8 In re:

NO. 20-3-03830-3 SEA

9 Petitioner:

**PARENTING EVALUATION –
UPDATE FOR TRIAL**

10 VERONIKA GOODNIGHT,

[PUBLIC DOCUMENT]

11 And Respondent:

12 MATHEW RALIDAK,
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14 **I. APPOINTMENT AND BACKGROUND**

15 This is an action to establish a parenting plan for the parties' three children:
16 Elora (age 6), Aidan (age 5) and Raina (age 3). The evaluator previously completed
17 an evaluation in this matter on April 30, 2021 and made recommendations for a final
18 parenting plan. The parties have been unable to resolve these issues in settlement
19 and the matter is scheduled for trial (recently continued to December 6, 2021). At the
20 request of counsel, the evaluator is completing a brief update to provide information
21 to the court regarding developments for the family since the prior report. In addition,
the prior report recommended the mother obtain secondary evaluations regarding
substance use and mental health and this report will follow up on the status of those
recommendations. Accordingly, this report should be read after reading the prior
Parenting Evaluation and as a supplement thereto. This is not intended as a full,
second evaluation.

22 **II. INFORMATION FOR THE REPORT**

23 This Parenting Evaluation is based on the following information:

- 24 A. Video Interview with Mathew Ralidak – September 17, 2021
25 B. Video Interview with Veronika Goodnight – September 22, 2021

- C. Document Review (see below)
- D. Telephone Interview with C.J. Ellsworth – October 11, 2021
- E. Written Interview with Monica Bonilla Gonzalez – October 11, 2021

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Guardian ad Litem recommends the following:

- A. Substance Use Evaluation for Mother. The mother should be deemed in compliance with the prior recommendation that she obtain a substance use evaluation. The mother should comply with the recommendations of the substance use evaluation she obtained from Associated Behavioral Health.
- B. Mental Health Evaluation. The mother should be deemed in substantial compliance with the prior recommendation that she seek a mental health evaluation. She should continue in individual counseling with Sea Mar Community Health Center at the frequency and for the duration recommended by her provider.
- C. School Choice. The children should continue to attend school at their current public school (Carnation Elementary) and should not be home schooled unless both parents agree otherwise.
- D. Vaccines. Unless otherwise agreed by both parents or ordered in arbitration, the children should be vaccinated on the schedule recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>.
- E. Decision-Making. The parents should make major decisions on behalf of the children jointly. Both parents shall have equal access to the children's school records, teachers, doctors, and other providers. Disputes about joint decisions or about what portions of the parenting plan mean should be submitted to arbitration with a designated arbitrator.
- F. Neither parent shall permit the children to refer to third parties such as friends, significant others or stepparents as "mommy" or "daddy" or similar designations.
- G. The children should remain in counseling with Sea Mar Community Health until otherwise agreed by the parents. Both parents should have equal access to the counselor and have an opportunity to provide input and seek feedback from the counselor.

1 H. The recommendations from the April 30, 2021 parenting evaluation should be
2 implemented except as expressly modified above.

3 Date: 10/29/2021

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6 Parenting Evaluator
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