

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

MAUREKO M. BONNER,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASE NO. 19-3005-SAC

CORIZON, et al.,

Defendants.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Plaintiff, a state prisoner appearing pro se and in forma pauperis, filed this civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff is an inmate at the Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF) in Lansing, Kansas. Mr. Bonner alleges he has received constitutionally inadequate medical care while incarcerated in violation of the Eighth Amendment. He states he has suffered from an undiagnosed condition since 2009, which causes him to become severely anemic and experience extreme fatigue, pain, and weakness. He has received some treatment for the symptoms, including multiple blood transfusions, iron infusions, and medication. In addition, Mr. Bonner has had multiple colonoscopies and surgery to remove internal hemorrhoids, which did not resolve his symptoms. He further alleges a sonogram in 2013 showed he suffered from an enlarged spleen, and he was told by physicians it needed to be removed but it never was. Mr. Bonner claims his

health has continued to deteriorate, and he has been deliberately denied the testing, such as a bone marrow biopsy, required to obtain a proper diagnosis and treatment.

The Court is required to screen complaints brought by prisoners seeking relief against a governmental entity or an officer or an employee of a governmental entity. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). The Court must dismiss a complaint or portion thereof if a plaintiff has raised claims that are legally frivolous or malicious, that fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or that seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1)–(2).

The Court finds that the proper processing of Plaintiff's claims cannot be achieved without additional information from appropriate officials of LCF and Corizon. *See Martinez v. Aaron*, 570 F.2d 317 (10th Cir. 1978); *see also Hall v. Bellmon*, 935 F.2d 1106 (10th Cir. 1991). Accordingly, the Court orders the appropriate officials to prepare and file a *Martinez* Report. Once the report has been received, the Court can properly screen Plaintiff's claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COURT that:

(1) The Clerk of the Court shall prepare summons to be served pursuant to Rule 4(c)(3) on defendant Corizon by the U.S. Marshal at no cost to Plaintiff. The Clerk of the Court shall prepare waiver of service forms for the remaining defendants, pursuant to Rule 4(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to be served at no cost to Plaintiff absent a finding by the Court that Plaintiff is able to pay such costs.

(2) The report required herein shall be filed no later than **sixty (60) days** from the date of this order, and Defendants' answers shall be filed within **sixty (60) days** following receipt of that report by counsel for Defendants or as set forth in the waiver of service, whichever is later.

(3) Officials responsible for the operation of LCF are directed to undertake a review of the subject matter of the Complaint:

- a. To ascertain the facts and circumstances;
- b. To consider whether any action can and should be taken by the institution to resolve the subject matter of the Complaint; and
- c. To determine whether other like complaints, whether pending in this Court or elsewhere, are related to this Complaint and should be considered together.

(4) Upon completion of the review, a written report shall be compiled which shall be filed with the Court and served on Plaintiff. The KDOC must seek leave of the Court if it wishes to file certain exhibits or portions of the report under seal or without service on Plaintiff. Statements of all witnesses shall be in affidavit form. Copies of pertinent rules, regulations, official documents, and, wherever appropriate, the reports of medical or psychiatric examinations shall be included in the written report. Any recordings related to Plaintiff's claims shall also be included.

(5) Authorization is granted to the officials of LCF to interview all witnesses having knowledge of the facts, including Plaintiff.

(6) No answer or motion addressed to the Complaint shall be filed until the *Martinez* Report required herein has been prepared.

(7) Discovery by Plaintiff shall not commence until Plaintiff has received and reviewed Defendant's answer or response to the Complaint and the report ordered herein. This action is exempted from the requirements imposed under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a) and 26(f).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall enter KDOC as an interested party on the docket for the limited purpose of preparing the *Martinez* Report ordered herein. Upon the filing of that report, KDOC may move for termination from this action.

Copies of this order shall be transmitted to Plaintiff, to Defendants, and to the Attorney General for the State of Kansas.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated in Topeka, Kansas, on this 26th day of February, 2018.

s/ Sam A. Crow
SAM A. CROW
U. S. Senior District Judge