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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS**

SHERRYANNE PRICE, TINA BRIA,
MONIQUE RODRIGUEZ, and
KRISTEENA TINNIN, on behalf of
themselves and all others similarly
situated and as proxies for the State of
California,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SUTTER VALLEY MEDICAL
FOUNDATION, a California corporation,
and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. CV-19-001331

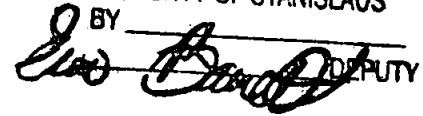
Assigned For All Purposes To:
Judge: Hon. John R. Mayne
Dept.: 21

~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER GRANTING
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA
SETTLEMENT

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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

BY  DEPUTY

1 WHEREAS, this action is pending before this Court as a putative class action (the
2 "Action"); and

3 WHEREAS, Plaintiffs, through an unopposed motion for preliminary approval, have
4 applied to this Court for an order preliminarily approving the settlement of the Action in
5 accordance with the Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement and Release ("Settlement
6 Agreement" or "Settlement"), and any exhibit annexed thereto, which sets forth the terms and
7 conditions for a proposed settlement and final resolution of the Action upon the terms and
8 conditions set forth therein; and the Court having read and considered the Settlement Agreement
9 and the exhibit annexed thereto;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

11 1. This Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the final version of the
12 Settlement Agreement which has been filed with the Court and all terms defined therein shall
13 have the same meaning in this Order as set forth in the Settlement Agreement;

14 2. The Court hereby preliminarily certifies the Class for settlement purposes only.
15 For the purposes of this settlement, the Class is defined as: all current and former non-exempt
16 employees employed by Defendant and/or its predecessors from March 5, 2015, through April 2,
17 2023. Should for whatever reason the Settlement not become final, the fact that the Parties were
18 willing to stipulate to class certification as part of the Settlement shall have no bearing on, nor be
19 admissible in connection with, the issue of whether a class should be certified in a non-settlement
20 context;

21 3. Aggrieved Employees shall mean current and former non-exempt employees who
22 were employed by Defendant in non-exempt positions at any time from October 25, 2018,
23 through April 2, 2023;

24 4. The Court hereby authorizes the retention of Phoenix Settlement Administrators as
25 Settlement Administrator for the purpose of this Settlement;

26 5. The Court hereby preliminarily finds that James R. Hawkins, Isandra Fernandez,
27 and Lance Dacre of James Hawkins APLC; Zachary M. Crosner and Jamie Serb of Crosner
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1 Legal, P.C.; and Stan Mallison, Hector R. Martinez and Daniel C. Keller of Mallison & Martinez,
2 may serve as counsel for the Class. The Court further preliminarily finds that Plaintiffs,
3 Sherryanne Price, Tina Bria, Monique Rodriguez, and Kristeena Tinnin may serve as the class
4 representatives for the Class;

5 6. The Court hereby preliminarily APPROVES the proposed Notice of Class Action
6 Settlement and Final Hearing ("Class Notice") (The Class Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit 1).
7 The Court further finds that the Class Notice appears to fully and accurately inform the Class
8 Members of all material elements of the proposed Settlement Agreement, of the Class Members'
9 right to be excluded from the Class, and of each Class Member's right and opportunity to object
10 to the Settlement. The Class Notice appears reasonable and will constitute due, adequate, and
11 sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice and to meet all applicable requirements of
12 due process, and any other applicable rules or law, including the requirements of Cal. Rule of
13 Court 3.766. The Class Notice shall be mailed to the Class Members as set forth in the Settlement
14 Agreement;

15 7. The Court finds on a preliminary basis that the Settlement Agreement appears to
16 be within the range of reasonableness of a settlement that could ultimately be given final approval
17 by this Court. It appears to the Court on a preliminary basis that the settlement amount is fair,
18 adequate, and reasonable to all potential Class Members when balanced against the probable
19 outcome of further litigation relating to liability and damages issues. It further appears that
20 investigation and research have been conducted such that counsel for the Parties, at this time, are
21 able to reasonably evaluate their respective positions. It further appears to the Court that
22 settlement at this time will avoid substantial additional costs by all Parties, as well as avoid the
23 delay and risks that would be presented by the further prosecution of the Action. It further
24 appears that the Settlement has been reached as the result of serious and non-collusive, arms-
25 length negotiations;

26 8. The Court orders the following implementation schedule for further proceedings:

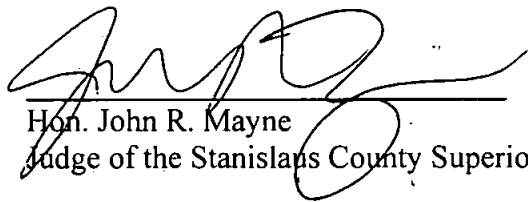
27 Order Granting Preliminary Approval.

December 20, 2023

Deadline for Defendants to provide the Class Data to the Settlement Administrator.	January 19, 2024 (within thirty (30) calendar days after the Court Grants Preliminary Approval).
Mail Class Notices to Settlement Class Members.	January 29, 2024 (within ten (10) calendar days after the Settlement Administrator Receives the Class Data from Defendant).
Deadline for postmark by registered mail of any Request for Exclusion.	March 14, 2024 (forty-five (45) days after Settlement Administrator first mails Notice of Class Settlement to Settlement Class Members).
Deadline for receipt by the Settlement Administrator of any objections to the Settlement.	March 14, 2024 (forty-five (45) days after Settlement Administrator first mails Notice of Class Settlement to Settlement Class Members).
Deadline for Class Counsel to file Motion for Final Approval of Settlement.	April 26, 2024, or _____
Final Fairness and Final Approval Hearing.	May 20, 2024, or <u>May 21, 2024</u>

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 12/20/23


Hon. John R. Mayne
Judge of the Stanislaus County Superior Court