District Court Denver Juvenile Court County, Colorado				
Court Address:				
In re:				
The Marriage of:				
The Civil Union of:				
Parental Responsibilities concerning:		COURT USE ONLY		
	Case Num	iber:		
Petitioner:				
and	Division	Courtroom		
Co-Petitioner/Respondent:				
ORDER APPOINTING PARENTING COORDINATOR PURSUANT TO §14-10-128.1, C.R.S.				

- □ This matter is before the Court for the appointment of a Parenting Coordinator pursuant to §14-10-128.1, C.R.S. pursuant to the parties' stipulation to the appointment of a Parenting Coordinator. The parties' written stipulation dated \_\_\_\_\_\_ has been filed with the Court or the Court heard the parties' oral stipulation in Court on \_\_\_\_\_\_ (date).
- □ This matter is before the Court on the □Court's own motion, □Petitioner's motion, □Co-Petitioner/Respondent's motion and the Court finds the following:
  - The parties have failed to adequately implement the Parenting Plan entered as an Order of the Court on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
  - Mediation is inappropriate.
  - □ Mediation has been attempted and was unsuccessful.
  - □ The appointment of a Parenting Coordinator is in the best interests of the child(ren) involved in the Parenting Plan.
  - Although, a Protection/Restraining Order is in place in the County of \_\_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_\_, in case number \_\_\_\_\_\_, the parties have the ability to engage in parenting coordination and may meet together with the Parenting Coordinator without violating that Order.

## Finding in the best interests of the child(ren), the Court hereby appoints as Parenting Coordinator (PC):

Name:		
Mailing Address:		
Telephone #:	Fax #:	Email:

□ The PC has previously served, or is serving as a Child and Family Investigator (CFI) in the case, and the parties have agreed to this PC appointment.

## Information about the child(ren):

Full Name of Child	Date of Birth

Information about the Petitioner:		Date of Birth:	
Name:		_ Attorney:	
Mailing Address:			
Home Phone #:	Work Phone #:	Cell #:	
Information about the Co-Petition	ner/Respondent:	Date of Birth:	
Name:		_ Attorney:	
Mailing Address:			
		Cell #:	

## **Responsibilities of the Parenting Coordinator:**

- The PC shall comply with the requirements of §14-10-128.1, C.R.S., and any other applicable statutes or Chief Justice Directive(s), and any other practice or ethical standards established by rules, statute, or licensing board that regulates the Parenting Coordinator. You are required within 7 days of your appointment, to disclose to each party, attorneys of record, and the court any familial, financial, or social relationship that the appointed person has or has had with the child, either party, the attorneys of record, or the judicial Officer. (JDF1338)
- 2. The PC shall assist the parties to:

Implement the Parenting Plan entered as a Temporary Order on	(date).
Implement the Parenting Plan entered as a Permanent Order on	(date).
Implement the post-decree Parenting Plan entered as an Order on	_ (date).
Other:	

- 3. The PC shall not serve as an evaluator pursuant to §14-10-127, C.R.S. or as the legal representative of the child pursuant to §14-10-116, C.R.S.
- 4. The PC shall not be called to testify in a judicial proceeding, administrative proceeding, or other similar proceeding between the parties, or be required to produce records as to any statement, conduct, or decision that occurred during the appointment except as set forth in §14-10-128.1(7)(b), C.R.S.

## **Responsibilities of the Parties:**

- 1. Each party shall initiate contact with the PC within \_\_\_\_\_ days from the date of this Order to arrange a first meeting. Each party and his/her counsel shall confer with the PC when and as the PC directs and shall otherwise cooperate fully with the PC.
- 2. Counsel for \_\_\_\_\_\_ or the *pro* se party \_\_\_\_\_\_shall provide the PC with all court orders addressing matters of parenting time (allocation of parental responsibilities and decision-making responsibilities), and all documentation currently in the court file that will assist the PC, within 14 days of the date of this Order.

3. The parties or their counsel are responsible for providing information concerning other cases which have a relationship to this case when requested to do so by the PC.

#### **Release of Confidential Information:**

The parties shall sign any releases necessary to assist the PC; and the PC may request the Court to issue any other necessary order for release of information.

#### Termination of the Parenting Coordinator's Appointment:

- 1. This appointment shall terminate on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). The Court shall maintain the discretion to terminate this appointment at any time for good cause.
- 2. Upon agreement of the parties, the Court may extend, modify, or terminate the appointment. The Court shall allow the PC to withdraw at any time.

#### Payment of Costs and Fees in Favor of the Parenting Coordinator:

The Court hereby finds that the fees of the PC, plus costs are reasonable and necessary. Any objection to these fees and costs shall be made in writing and filed with the Court within 14 days of the date of this Order. The PC's fees are in the nature of child support as the role of the PC is to work with the parties on parenting issues that affect or may affect the best interests of the child(ren).

After considering the financial resources and/or other equitable circumstances of the parties, the Court apportions the payment of the retainer, fees, and costs as follows:

The PC will bill his/her hourly rate against an initial retainer, which will be paid by the parties as follows:

- 1. The PC's hourly rate is \$\_\_\_\_\_ and he/she requires \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the initial retainer.
  - □ The Petitioner will pay the PC directly the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_ % to be applied toward the initial retainer on or before \_\_\_\_\_\_ (date).
  - □ The Co-Petitioner/Respondent will pay the PC directly the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_ % to be applied toward the retainer on or before \_\_\_\_\_ (date).
- 2. Thereafter, the PC shall bill his/her hourly rate of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ against the initial retainer, and fees and costs in excess shall remain apportioned as set forth above and shall be paid within 30 days of the date billed, unless otherwise ordered by the Court or agreed between the parties.

#### The Court maintains the discretion to reallocate the appointment of fees.

The Parenting Coordinator shall not commence work until the retainer is satisfied in full and the PC shall apprise the Court within ten days of his/her inability to proceed with the case because of non-payment. Upon notification to the Court, the Court may set a forthwith hearing which will require the mandatory appearance of the non-paying party. Failure of either party to comply with this Order will result in sanction by the Court which may include up to six months in the County Jail or a \$1,000.00 fine.

Date: \_\_\_

Judge Magistrate

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on \_\_\_\_\_\_ (date), I mailed, faxed, e-filed, or hand-delivered a copy of this Order to the following:

Attorney for Petitioner or Petitioner *pro se* 

Attorney for Co-Petitioner/Respondent or Co-Petitioner/Respondent *pro se* 

- Parenting Coordinator
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk