

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
WESTERN DIVISION**

**McCOMB CHILDRENS  
CLINIC, LTD.**

**PLAINTIFF**

**v.**

**CAUSE NO. 5:24CV48-LG-ASH**

**ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., in his  
official capacity as Secretary of the  
United States Department of Health  
and Human Services, et al.**

**DEFENDANTS**

**ORDER SUBSTITUTING PARTY**

This matter is before the Court sua sponte pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d). Dr. Dorothy A. Fink is not a proper party to this lawsuit because she no longer serves as Acting Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. When a public officer who is sued in her official capacity ceases to hold office while a lawsuit is pending, the officer's successor is automatically substituted as a party. Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d). Therefore, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., who now serves as Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, is substituted for Dr. Dorothy A. Fink.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., in his official capacity as Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services is **SUBSTITUTED** for Dr. Dorothy A. Fink.

**SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

s/ *Louis Guirola, Jr.*

LOUIS GUIROLA, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE