

Family Name: Kematch  
 File Number: S007676

INTAKE CLOSING SUMMARY

**DEMOGRAPHICS:**

Mother: Samantha Kematch  
 Maiden Name:  
 DOB: September 9, 1981  
 Address: 1-747 McGee

Father: Steven Sinclair  
 DOB: May 15, 1980  
 Address: 670 Flora Avenue

Telephone #: 793-3653  
 Marital Status: single

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Children:	Birthdates:	Location:
Phoenix Sinclair	April 23, 2000	w. mom
[REDACTED]	July 23, 1998	Perm. Ward of Cree Nation
[REDACTED]	April 29, 2001	deceased - July '01

**SIGNIFICANT OTHERS:**

**ALTERNATE CAREGIVERS:**  
 None identified.

**SOURCE OF REFERRAL:**  
 Date: May 11, 2004  
 Name: [REDACTED]  
 Relationship to Case Reference: EIA worker  
 Method of Referral: telephone

**PRESENTING PROBLEM:**  
 [REDACTED] called to report that Samantha brought in a letter from her lawyer claiming that she has been caring for Phoenix since November '03 and requested that she be provided financial assistance for Phoenix. She stated that the father, Steven Sinclair, has been receiving assistance for Phoenix however, he has been giving it to family friends, Kim and Rohan Stevenson. [REDACTED] was concerned about Phoenix being in her mother's care, as it was her understanding from the previous CFS worker that she would be at risk in either her mother or father's care. Upon checking CFSIS, this worker was able to confirm this to be true. [REDACTED] provided updated demographic information on all concerned. CRU

worker Debbie DeGale advised [REDACTED] that she would look into this matter and get back to her.

Phone call to Kim and Rohan Stevenson. The person that answered the phone stated that Ms. DeGale had the wrong phone number.

Phone call to Steven. The phone number has been disconnected.

Phone call to Samantha. She claimed that she had been caring for Phoenix since last November. Ms. DeGale asked her how that came to be since, just in February '04, Phoenix had been privately placed with Kim and Rohan Stevenson. Samantha claimed that it was in fact her, who had placed Phoenix with the Stevenson's and not Steven. Ms. DeGale asked her how long Phoenix had been staying with the Stevenson's. Samantha stated that Phoenix had been at the Stevenson's for a month. Ms. DeGale asked her why she would put Phoenix to stay with the Stevenson's for that length of time, especially given the fact that she had only come back into her care recently (according to Samantha). Samantha then appeared to be at a loss for words, then suddenly she uttered a profanity and hung up the phone.

Upon further investigation it was discovered that mom, Samantha Kematch, has Phoenix in her custody. As such, Steven Sinclair's file will be closed and Samantha Kematch's file will be opened to Central Intake (see memo on file this date).

(Refer to AHU/CRU report on file for further details.)

**HISTORY:**

Both parents have been involved with child welfare agencies as permanent wards. Samantha became a ward of Cree Nation Child and Family Services in 1993 and Steven a ward of Winnipeg Child and Family Services in 1991. Samantha was in care as a child due to her mother's alcoholism, neglect, abandonment and abuse.

In July '98 Samantha had a baby boy, [REDACTED] when she was seventeen years old. At that time the family was referred to WCFS from Cree Nation CFS because they had serious concerns about Samantha's ability to parent as she had kept the pregnancy a secret, had received no prenatal care and had been resistant to any kind of assistance. WCFS apprehended [REDACTED] at birth on their behalf and he was eventually transferred to Cree Nation CFS. Samantha was provided an opportunity to parent in a supported living situation for young mothers and after a couple of months it was apparent that she was unable to meet his basic needs. A Permanent Order of Guardianship was obtained by Cree Nation Child and Family Services.

In April '00 Winnipeg Child and Family Services became involved when the hospital called to advise that Samantha gave birth to a baby girl after having no prenatal care. There was concern about her emotional maturity. Steven and Samantha indicated that they were not in a position to parent this child and Phoenix was placed under apprehension on April 24, 2000. A three month Temporary Order was obtained on

Phoenix to further assess parents. By the end of the three month order Samantha still had not participated in a formal assessment therefore a VPA was signed. A support worker worked with the family to assist with transitioning Phoenix home and parents met with Dr. Altman for an assessment. Phoenix was returned to parents on September 13, 2000 with the agency remaining involved. On April 29, 2001, they had another baby named [REDACTED] who went to live with Samantha, Steven and Phoenix. Concerns were expressed regarding domestic violence and alcohol abuse. [REDACTED] died of natural causes related to complications of pneumonia on July 15, 2001 while in the care of Steven shortly after Samantha and Steven separated. Phoenix remained with Steven and the file was closed in March 2002 because Steven did not want any further services from the agency.

Steven's file re-opened on February 28, 2003 due to medical concerns about Phoenix having a foreign object in her nose that was infected. The file was transferred for ongoing service on June 27, 2003, after Phoenix was apprehended on June 23, 2003. Steven's ability to parent his daughter had deteriorated to the point of him being under the influence most of the time and subjecting his daughter to inappropriate caregivers. Samantha was also known to be abusing substances and prostituting. Mr. Sinclair requested his child stay in care until he felt strong enough to care for her once again. Phoenix was returned to her father's care on October 2, 2003.

In January '04, Samantha and a friend had a falling out and the friend contacted the Agency to report that Samantha drinks alcohol and smokes "rock" in front of Phoenix. Upon checking, it was determined that the dad, Steven Sinclair was actually the primary caregiver since Phoenix was just a toddler. Samantha made allegations that Steven was drinking and neglecting Phoenix. Steven in turn made the same allegations against Samantha. It was then determined that Phoenix was not living with either one of them as dad had privately placed her with family friends, Kim and Rohan Stevenson, while he got his life in order. As this appeared to be an acceptable arrangement, no further action was taken at the time, however, it was noted in the worker's recording that Phoenix would be at risk if the situation changed and she was in the care of either parent.

(Refer to file for further details.)

#### DATA/INTERVENTIONS:

**May 13, 2004:**

Field to [REDACTED] residence with co-worker Kathleen Marks. A male answered the door and identified himself as Wes. He advised that Samantha was not in as she and Phoenix went to see her mother.

Field to [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED] home at 301-757 Furby. [REDACTED] answered the door and advised that Samantha and Phoenix were visiting friends. This writer left a card and requested that Samantha contact this writer.

**May 14, 2004:**

Message from [REDACTED]. She advised that she has added Pheonix to mom's EIA budget.

**May 17, 2004:**  
Sent letter to Samantha.

**June 2, 2004:**  
Field to 15-747 McGee. No answer at her door. Writer left a card.

**June 15, 2004:**  
Sent letter to Samantha requesting that she contact writer.

**June 21, 2004:**  
Phone call from Samantha. Arranged to meet her on June 29/04 at 10:30am.

**June 28, 2004:**  
Phone call from Samantha. She requested that we change our appointment because she is moving within the block. This writer advised her that only needed to meet with her briefly and urged Samantha to keep the appointment. Samantha agreed to do so.

**June 29, 2004:**  
Field to Samantha's. Was unable to gain entry into the block.

**July 9, 2004:**  
E-mailed Samantha's Social Assistance worker requesting her new address.

**July 13, 2004:**  
Message from Samantha Kematch, 793-3653.

Phone call to Samantha. Arranged to meet at her home in 10 minutes. She advised that she still resides in the same block however she has moved to suite 1.

Field to home with co-worker Kathleen Marks. The home was tidy and well furnished. Pheonix was present and she appeared, clean, healthy and well cared for. Samantha also appeared healthy - good coloring, clean and a healthy weight. This writer advised Samantha that a referral had been made to the agency a couple months ago. This writer advised her of the nature of the concerns and she denies abusing substances and having any difficulties coping with Pheonix. She reported that Pheonix came back into her care in November '03 because Steven was drinking. She indicated that Pheonix went to stay with her friends for a month in January or February '04 when Samantha went "travelling". When asked Samantha advised that she did not feel that the disruptions in care caused any problems in her rel'n with Pheonix. Samantha advised that her main support is her boyfriend who is a trucker and stays with her when he is in the city. This writer inquired if Samantha wanted/needed any assistance from the agency and she advised no, although she indicated that she would be interested in writer sending her info

on programs (mom's groups, parenting groups) in the area. Samantha advised that she would be registering Pheonix for nursery school in the fall (most likely at Wellington).

**July 14, 2004:**

Letter sent to Samantha providing her with info on resources in the community.

**ASSESSMENT:**

In May '04 an Employment and Income Assistance worker contacted the agency to report that Samantha wanted Pheonix added to her budget as she was in her care. The EIA worker was concerned as she recalled that there were concerns about Samantha's ability to provide care. The EIA worker was not specific in the concerns identified, but simply wanted an assessment completed to determine if Pheonix was safe in Samantha's care.

The family has an extensive history with the agency starting when Samantha had her first child [redacted] in '98. [redacted] was apprehended at birth and eventually became a Permanent Ward. It became apparent that Samantha could not parent once she was provided an opportunity to do so in a supported living situation. In April '00 Samantha gave birth to a second child, Pheonix who was apprehended at birth. Pheonix was returned to parents 4 months later. In April '01 Samantha gave birth to [redacted]. Concerns were expressed regarding alcohol abuse and domestic violence. [redacted] died in July '01 from natural causes while in Steven's care. Samantha and Steven separated sometime around June '01 and Pheonix remained with Steven until June '03 when she came into care due to parents abusing substances. Pheonix was returned to Steven in October '03.

This writer made repeated efforts to meet with Samantha, but was not successful in doing so until July 13, 2004. Samantha denied abusing substances and maintained that she was coping well. Pheonix appeared healthy and well cared for and Samantha did not present as a crack user would be expected to -- she was not jittery nor was she thin and drawn looking. She reported that Pheonix came into her care in November '03 due to Steven allegedly abusing substances. Pheonix reportedly stayed with friends for a month or so at the beginning of this year while Samantha "traveled". Samantha declined offers of service, but requested information on resources in the community be sent to her.

Given that there are no apparent child protection concerns this file can be closed.

**CHILD PROFILE:**

Not applicable.

**STATEMENT OF RISK:**

Low - There is no sign that Samantha is abusing substances, she maintains that she is managing well, and Pheonix appeared well cared for.

**COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that this file be closed as there are no apparent child protection concerns and Samantha does not want service from the agency at this time.

CASE CLOSED JULY 15, 2004

Tracy Forbes, Social Worker  
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Date: July 14, 2004

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July 14, 2004

**FILE COPY**

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Dar Samantha:

Please find enclosed a guide to resources in the community, as requested by you. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tracy Forbes".

Tracy Forbes  
Social worker  
Central Intake Unit  
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