

Continued Summary of Service & Intervention:

28/04/00 Office visit between Phoenix and her parents at 831 Portage Ave.

Following same, the writer conducted interviews with Samantha and Steve. At the couple's request, Nikki Taylor (parents advocate from Boys & Girls Club) was excused for part of the meeting. She rejoined the meeting in its latter stages. Both parents were served for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> docket date. See Assessment for particulars.

01/05/00 Phone call to Gloria Woytiuk. She was advised to serve both Cree Nation and West Region.

Further Assessment:

See Ms. Saunderson's preceding Assessment.

As of this writer's meeting with Samantha & Steven on Apr. 28/00, the parents are indicating a desire to continue their common-law relationship with Phoenix being in the family fold. They advise that they came to this position after much deliberation and discussion.

The writer aggressively challenged the couple on their ambivalence towards parenting this child and the lack of pre-natal care, the "hiding" of the pregnancy and Samantha's seeming disinterest with respect to [REDACTED] were raised as well.

Throughout our conversation Samantha remained flat and stoic. She responded to questions in a simple and cautious manner, often pondering her response for a moment or two before uttering same. Complex questions often received simplistic responses, which failed to shed any meaningful light on issues, especially around why she hid this pregnancy and why she has failed to maintain any contact with [REDACTED]. Her responses heavily consisted of shrugs and "I don't know". Her presentation is suggestive of some developmental or psychological difficulties, however same will need to be determined. Samantha had great difficulty expressing why [REDACTED] came permanently into Cree Nation's care, nor could she account for why she had expressed no desire in maintaining any contact with the child.

Steve presented as a relatively articulate and thoughtful young man. He indicated that he permanently came into Winnipeg Child & Family Services care when he was 13 and he remained in the care of this Agency until attaining the age of majority. At this point Steven's biological mother's file ([REDACTED], File #935858) remains closed and his CIC file is sealed. He advised that his experiences in Agency care