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Please find attached 1) Social history

2) closing summary

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SOCIAL HISTORY

LEGAL NAME: Samantha Dawn Kematch

DATE OF BIRTH: September 9, 1981

BAND & TREATY NO: Pine Creek 2820140004

MEDICAL NUMBER: 442876

STATUS: Former Permanent Ward Cree Nation Child and Family Caring Agency

NATURAL PARENTS: [REDACTED]
Pine Creek 2820140001
Pine Creek Reserve

[REDACTED]
Deceased June, 1989

SIBLINGS: [REDACTED]
D.O.B.: June 23, 1981
Pine Creek 282140001

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
D.O.B.: March 13, 1976
Deceased May 21, 1993

[REDACTED]
D.O.B.: June 9, 1977
Treaty No. Shoal River 882
Address Unknown

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS:

brother
 paternal aunt through marriage
 maternal uncle

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HISTORY OF INITIAL INVOLVEMENT WITH AGENCY:

Samantha is experiencing difficulties due to her family history, negative attitude, running behaviour, promiscuity, non-compliant and non-communicative relationship with adults.

Samantha had resided with her [REDACTED] from June, 1993 until May, 1997. Due to the AWOL's from the homes, she was placed in the foster home of [REDACTED]. The relationship with [REDACTED] broke down due to issues related to Samantha's involvement with negative peer group which she became involved with in September 1996. She met this peer group at school, John Henderson Collegiate. The foster home placement with [REDACTED] broke down due to her negative attitude, rude comments and AWOL's. She was placed with [REDACTED] on July 24, 1997. The foster parent had requested Samantha's removal due to truancy, non-complaint behaviour and AWOL's. Samantha was placed at the Crisis Stabilization Unit at Marymount for 7 days, September 24 until October 2, 1997. She persuaded [REDACTED] to take her back. She returned to [REDACTED] on a one month trial basis but went AWOL the next day. October 13 she went to [REDACTED] and is still there.

Samantha is trying to become independent and make her own choices. This is a difficult area for Samantha due to [REDACTED] controlling type of parenting. She also had unrealistically high expectations which Samantha had difficulty meeting and maintaining. She was over-protective and this didn't allow Samantha the opportunity to learn how to cope with different situations, especially when dealing with her peers. She is angry at [REDACTED] and has included all adults as well. There has been some improvement with her relationships with adults.

Samantha is presently having difficulties in school as she is not concentrating on her courses and is missing classes. She was in Grade 10 at Churchill High School. She still requires 4 credits from last year. Education is not one of her present priorities. Due to the number of absences she is presently suspended and is not attending school.

Samantha has had behaviour difficulties for the past three years that have recently escalated. She is involved in criminal activities and has one charge for shop lifting. She recently used a stolen telephone card to make long distance calls. She is becoming more involved with a negative peer group, some are known members of street gangs. She refuses to stay in the placement resources as she goes AWOL and the police have to return her to the foster home. She was placed at the Place Louis Riad on June 12 and had slept there four nights in a period of 1 month. She left in the evening without permission with another ward and returned at lunch time. She refused to follow a curfew. The AWOL decreased in July when she was at the Polo Park Inn. On July 24 she was moved to an intervenor's home. She didn't go AWOL for several weeks but began to stay out all night but returned in the morning. Then she began to go out on Fridays and not return until Monday. Presently she goes AWOL for longer period of time.

Samantha's attitude is a major concern. She is rude, demanding, loud, hostile verbally abusive and non-compliant. This has been an issue for a number of years but it has regressed in the past year. Her former foster parent [REDACTED] couldn't tolerate her behaviour. This continued despite being informed repeatedly that it was not acceptable. She was also placed with [REDACTED] and she was even more hostile and rude towards him and his family. She also went AWOL from this home and he refused to allow her to return. This was not been a major issue with [REDACTED] but there are times it was.

The family has expressed their concern that Samantha is behaving abnormally aggressive towards them and that some of her behaviour would indicate that she is emotionally disturbed. They feel she is a threat to adults and other children in the home. Her brother is also afraid of her due to her aggressiveness towards him. The intervenors who worked with her were at the hotel were afraid of her as well. Her tendency for violent behaviour has increased. She has had physically confrontation with her friends recently.

Samantha will not agree to any plan we have tried to make for her. She is insistent that all she wants is to be with her friends and do what she pleases. She has secretly been involved in a group sexual activities, car theft, drugs and alcohol. Her peer group is the deuce street gang. This is a major concern as Samantha denies involvements and laughs when she is told what the gang expectations of females are.

Samantha requires a placement in a secure setting with limited opportunities to be re-involved with her negative peer group. She needs to learn appropriate social skills so she is more socially accepted. She needs to learn how to relate to others without becoming verbally abusive and aggressive. She needs to learn how to make decisions that do not place her safety at risk. She needs to start discussing with others her experiences as a child and her feelings concerning the tragedies in her family. She needs to be more responsible in all areas of her life which also included education.

Physical Description:

Samantha is 5'5" tall. She weighs 135 lbs. She has long medium brown hair that is cut just past her shoulders. She has brown eyes and a medium complexion. She is attractive when she smiles as she has a nice smile. She is usually clean and appropriately dressed. She wears baggy clothing the majority of the time. Presently she appears to have lost interest in her appearance and does not seem to care about her clothing as she gives her new clothing to her friends.

Personality Description:

Samantha can be pleasant and polite if she wants to. Majority of the time she is rude, demanding and aggressive especially towards adults. She is also rude and aggressive with her peers but not as severely as she is with adults. She becomes angry very quickly and often. She will become verbally abusive and intimidating as she has the potential to become physically abusive as well. She doesn't have any consideration for other feelings as she is quite egotistical. She also has taken out her anger on objects by vandalizing them. She is a moody and angry person who refuses to discuss the issues that produces these feelings. There are times when Samantha is a pleasant young woman, during those times she expresses her sense of humour. Unfortunately these are rare occasions. She is a needy child but her sense of pride prohibits her from discussing her needs and due to her past family issues she does not trust adult and will not allow them to get close to her.

Family History:

Samantha's parents were chronic alcoholics. Her father died four years ago. He was intoxicated at the time and fell down a flight of stairs in the home. The father had custody of the children at the time of his death as the mother had left the family. There was a long history of family violence related to the alcohol abuse during their marriage.

Samantha and her siblings lived with their mother following the death of the father. Mother continued her alcohol abuse and was transient. She resided with the children in Edmonton. Samantha was physically and emotionally abused by her mother. She could not provide the basic necessities for her children. Samantha will not discuss some of these events that occurred to her with care-givers. Samantha and [REDACTED] were apprehended by Winnipeg Child & Family Services and were placed with [REDACTED]. They became permanent Wards in 1995. Mother had no contact with the children since their apprehension in 1993. The children resent their mother for not appearing in court. Mother had moved to Winnipeg and abandoned the children resulting in their apprehension. Mother moved to Pine Creek Reserve two years ago as she changed her band membership from Shoal River to Pine Creek.

Samantha's brothers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] remained with their mother. [REDACTED] had informed [REDACTED] before his death that he could not tolerate his home life with his mother. He went back to their home community of Shoal River. He did not have a close relationship with any extended family in the community. He was depressed and as a result he committed suicide by jumping off an elevator in Swan River.

Samantha's brother, [REDACTED] is transient. At times he is with his mother in Edmonton or in the community of Shoal River. He is having difficulty with alcohol abuse. He has changed his life style in the past year as he became involved in a relationship and they have a child. They reside in Swan River.

[REDACTED] resides with [REDACTED]. She had a positive relationship with her brother with the usual amount of sibling rivalry and disagreements. Lately that has changed due to her aggressive and hostile attitude towards him. Presently he is angry at her, due to her life style.

Samantha's mother continues to be a chronic alcoholic and has a transient life style. She may reside in Pine Creek Reserve. She has been involved in a number of relationships since the separation and death of her husband. She has not maintained contact with [REDACTED] and Samantha for a number of years. Samantha has not had any contact with her maternal relatives until recently when her brother [REDACTED] made contact with them. She has limited contact with them as they do not approve of her behaviour. They have discussed their feelings with Samantha and have cautioned her that her behaviour pattern is reflection of her mothers.

Samantha has not dealt with the family issues of death, suicide, alcohol abuse and rejection by her mother. She has difficulties expressing her feelings concerning the family situation and refuses to discuss them. She despises her mother because of the physical and emotional abuse but is refusing counselling.

Placement History:

Samantha was placed in care with [REDACTED] in September, 1993 due to neglect and abandonment by her mother. She remained in this home until May 1997, at which time she was placed with [REDACTED]. She refused to come home at night so she was placed at the Place Louis Riel Hotel with an intervener and remained in the hotel until July 24. One of her intervenors, [REDACTED] agreed to foster Samantha. Samantha did well for three weeks then the AWOLs began. She usually returned on her own in the past but recently police had to return her to the foster home. Samantha went AWOL from [REDACTED]'s on October 2, 1997. She was AWOL until she went to [REDACTED] on October 13. She is refusing to go to any other resource. Our concern is the aunt will not be able to provide the supervision Samantha needs and her involvement with the gang will increase.

Behaviour Problems:

Samantha is refusing to remain long term in any placement. She is constantly AWOL and is refusing to follow any rules. She wants to be with her friends and this includes male friends.

She is involved in stealing vehicles, gang activities, constantly AWOL from placements and being totally non-compliant with care givers and all adults. She is also aggressive towards adults and most of her peers. Her negative behaviour is escalating and it is difficult to maintain her in the present placement. She is refusing to attend school.

Present Situation:

She was placed at the Crisis Stabilization Unit September 24 due to AWOL and involvement with negative peer group. She was placed back [redacted]'s on October 2 after she promised [redacted] that she would not go AWOL. On October 3 she went AWOL and has not returned. The return to [redacted]'s was on a one month trial basis. It last only 1 day. We do not have any other resources and are seeking a level IV locked setting. Her present placement with [redacted] is temporary.

School:

She has been missing the occasional day at school until the end of May at which time she refused to attend school. She has difficulties with academics and require extra resources. She will be in Grade 10 this year but is missing some credits. She is enrolled at Church High School. Her attendance is irregular. When she is in the school, she is not in class but with other students that are not attending classes and are basically lounging in the school.

Social Contact:

Samantha has inappropriate social skills, she is loud, rude and aggressive the majority of the time. She has difficult expressing her feelings without becoming belligerent. She gets angry quickly and becomes verbally abusive. She will use offensive language. She is becoming involved in criminal activities.

The majority of the time she tries to be the leader with her peers and they have to assert their own independence with her. She doesn't respond well when she is told "no." from anyone. She will become angry and sullen for long periods of time. She also becomes aggressive physically with her peers. There were incidents in the foster home where she struck one of the children.

Most of the time her head is down when a adult tries to have a conversation with her. She will mumble her responses and become angry quickly and refuses to engage in a conversation. Adults become frustrated with her and it becomes impossible to deal with her. She has some unusual mannerisms and behaviours that tend to make others uncomfortable to be with her. Samantha appears to want positive relationships but doesn't know how to do this. Care-givers become frustrated with her due to her "I don't care" attitude and non-compliant behaviours.

Areas of Strength:

Samantha can be pleasant especially when she wants something. She has been able to work on her academics despite the fact that she has difficulty with some subjects. She can take care of her own hygiene, her clothing and assist with housework when requested. She has been able to survive an abusive family life and tried to adapt to her aunt's home and family.

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Goals:

- Stabilize her running behaviour in a safe secure environment.
- Attend School on a regular basis.
- Engage in therapy to address the issues related to her childhood.
- Learn more appropriate behaviour and social skills.
- Needs to be provided with more information on sexuality and the importance of safe sex.
- Needs to learn how to deal with her anger.
- She also requires a psychological evaluation to assess her hostility.
- She needs to be involved in culturally appropriate activities.
- Samantha also needs to learn how to have positive relationships.
- Samantha to deal with her feelings of anger towards her family.
- Samantha needs to learn to be responsible for her possessions as she has given away most of her clothing.

Plan:

Placement in a secure and nurturing environment that could meet the above mentioned goals and prepare her for the age of majority. When her behaviour stabilizes it would be for her to re-establish relationship with her brother [REDACTED] and some of her extended family members. She has been approved for a level IV placement.

DIANA RINAS, BSW
Senior Social Worker

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Please complete the following opening/closure summary for each and Family Files. All requests to be reviewed with main supervisor prior to opening/closure and copies being submitted as appropriate.

OPENING/CLOSURE SUMMARY

Legal Name: Samantha Dawn Kematch

Also Known As:

Birthdate: September 9, 1981

Place of Birth: Swan River, Manitoba

Present Address: [REDACTED]

Band and No.: Pine Creek, 2620140004

MISC: 442876

Status: Permanent Ward

Expiry Date: age of majority

Previous Placement: MacDonald Youth Services

Date of Placement: February, 1999

Date of Discharge: September 9, 1999

Agency Involved: Cree Nation Child and Family Caring Agency

Agency Worker: Germaine Brass

Natural Parents: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Pine Creek Reserve Deceased June, 1989

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Reason for Apprehension: (Please indicate date of apprehension and circumstances leading up to apprehension.)

Samantha was apprehended on June 21, 1993 by Winnipeg Southeast Child and Family Services and brought into care and apprehended from her mother because she claimed to be fearful of her.

Presenting Problems: (Please indicate any alcohol related problems, mental illness, etc.)

Samantha upon turning 18, has not given any indication she has any long term plans for herself and her baby, [redacted] CNEFCA has apprehended her child because of safety concerns.

Goals and objectives: (Indicate specifically your plans and follow-up.)

Through the Oski-Ikwe Program for young mothers and through the intervention from MacDonald Youth Services, Samantha has not cooperated with the interventions but has withdrawn and uncooperative. She has not attended school nor has she given any indication she is willing to work. Plans are to transfer [redacted] to the appropriate agency. Samantha to be given monthly supervised visits.

Comments: (Specify appropriate medical, dental, court order, any other agency involvement. Please indicate.)

Samantha will be discharged from care of CNEFCA upon age of majority.

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Worker's Signature