



**WINNIPEG CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
SERVICES À L'ENFANT ET À LA FAMILLE DE WINNIPEG
AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT**

TO: Intake (831 Portage)
cc- Placement Dept.

FROM: Cindy Murdoch, After Hours

DATE: Monday, April 24, 2000

RE: Samantha Kematch (Sept 9/81) & Steve Sinclair (May 15/80)
4-864 Magnus
ph# ~~unknown no phone~~

FILE #: 941472D (closed on August 17, 1998 to Carolyn Eva)
(file located at 222 Provencher)

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<u>CHILD(REN)</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>PLACEMENT</u>
████████████████████	July 23, 1998	In care Cree Nation C&FS

Phoenix Victoria Hope Sinclair April 23, 2000 3rd floor Nursery

SOURCE OF REFERRAL: ~~████████████████████~~
Social Worker at H.S.C.
Ph# ~~██████████~~

TIME OF REFERRAL: 11:00 a.m.

PRESENTING PROBLEM/ INTERVENTION:

~~██████████~~ was calling with concerns about the above named couple's motivation and ability to parent. Samantha is eighteen and gave birth to a baby girl yesterday after having no prenatal care. In talking with her, ~~██████████~~ was made aware that Samantha has another child that was removed from her care. When ~~██████████~~ asked her why she said that people thought

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she may hurt the baby, just as her mother had hurt her. [REDACTED] questioned her preparation for this baby and found out that the couple had not

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purchased any clothes, diapers, crib etc. [REDACTED] asked her is she was "emotionally ready" for the baby and Samantha responded by saying "I don't know". Samantha and the worker talked more about this and it became quite clear that this couple is not sure if they want to parent. Given Samantha's lack of preparation for the baby, the past concerns and the ambivalence over parenting, [REDACTED] is requesting workers attend sometime today to talk with mom. [REDACTED] discussed the need to do so with Samantha and after some hesitation agreed to meet with workers. Consulting Supervisor, Arthur Gwynn agreed that the evening shift should attend to the hospital today as Samantha may be able to leave tomorrow.

For your information and follow up,

CM for *CMurdach*

Cindy Murdoch
After Hours Unit

At 1745 Hrs, workers Diana Verrier and Don Clafione attended the hospital and met with Samantha and Steve. Samantha stated that her delivery of the baby went well and Steve was with her. She was not aware of any concerns with the babe at the time of birth. Both Steve and Samantha stated that they were unsure about whether they wanted to parent. Sam stated that she was not sure that she was ready to be a mother and felt she should have waited longer to become a parent. The birth of Phoenix was not a planned occurrence.

Sam stated that she received no prenatal care other than the initial pregnancy test to confirm that she was pregnant. When asked why she received no prenatal care, she advised that she "doesn't like Doctors". The couple are not prepared in any way for the child and had none of the necessary equipment. They could not provide any family members who could assist them with caring for the child or who may be able to care for the child.

Steve and Sam live together and stated that they have known each other for one year. They both have always lived in the city. The couple asked that the child be taken into care until they could prepare for the child and make a decision about whether they would like to parent. A brief synopsis of possible options was provided to the couple which included parenting (with CFS intervention and support), adoption, or having a family member obtain guardianship. They were advised that a day worker would meet with them to discuss their options more completely.

It should be noted that the couple is very apprehensive about parenting. In addition to this, Samantha's ability to parent would be questionable and further assessed should the couple decide that they want to parent. She presents as quite immature and it is unclear whether she could grasp and follow through on the necessary skills of parenting. Steve presented as more mature. He advised that he did not feel financially capable of parenting at this point.

The couple advised that they would like the child taken into care until they could determine what they wanted to do and could get ready to parent. Although the couple presented as voluntarily wanting the child in care, the plan had been to apprehend the child based on the information at hand. The couple were provided with the information for Intake.

Samantha and Phoenix will be ready for discharge tomorrow. Sam is bottle feeding the child and is doing well in this area. The hospital had no concerns about the babe and felt that Sam was bonding quite well.

The hospital was advised about the plan and Phoenix was placed under apprehension. A letter of apprehension was left on the chart.

Follow up will need to occur Tuesday am in terms of the discharge and further planning.


Diana Verrier