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## Continued Summary of Service & Intervention

28 April 00 Office visit between  
Thomas Phoenix & her parents @  
831 Postage Ave.

Following same the  
writer conducted interviews w/ Samantha  
& Steve. At the couple's request  
Nikki Taylor (parent's advocate from  
Boys & Girls Club) was excused for  
part of the meeting. She re-joined  
the meeting in it's latter  
stages. Both parents were  
served for the May 3rd Docket  
Date. See Assessment for particulars.

31 May 00 PIC to Olona Wright -  
she was advised to seek both  
Cree Nation & West Region.

### Further Assessment

See MS Saunders's preceding  
Assessments.

As of this writer's meeting w/  
Samantha & Steve on 28 April

The parents are indicating a desire to continue their C/K relationship w/ Phoenix being in the family fold. They advise that they ~~the~~ came to this position after much deliberation & discussion.

The writer aggressively challenged the couple on their ambivalence towards parenting the child and the lack of pre-natal care & the "hiding" of the pregnancy and Samantha's seeming disinterest but respect to ~~the~~ were raised as well.

Throughout our conversation Samantha never had flat & stacc. She responded to questions in a simple & cautious manner, often pausing her response for a moment or two before uttering same. Complex questions often need simplistic responses which failed to shed any meaningful light on issues, especially around why she hid this pregnancy & why she has failed to maintain any contact w/ ~~the~~. Her responses

heavily consisted of shrug and "I don't know". Her presentation is suggestive of some developmental or psychological difficulties, however, some will need to be determined. Samantha had great difficulty expressing why [redacted] could not permanently enter into her Native Care nor could she account for why she had expressed no desire in maintaining any contact with the [redacted].

Steve presented as a relatively articulate & thoughtful young man. He indicated that he came into WCAP's care when he was 12 & he remained in the care of the Agency until attaining the age of majority. At this point Steven's biological mother's file ([redacted] file # 93585E) remains closed and his CIC file is sealed. He advised that his experiences in Agency care have prompted him to protect his daughter and so that Phoenix might escape similar experiences.

Steve close not to show many details of his time in Agency care and he will consider his written request for a consent to be signed ~~to that~~ the CIC file might be opened & reviewed.

At this point in time the couple reside together @ 864 Magnus Ave (upstairs #2), and support themselves via ~~more~~ various rec'd from Inland ~~Elmendorf~~. The couple denies any domestic violence, ~~drug~~ ~~use~~ or ~~ab~~ or a substance abuse.   
 Their worker is Heather McShane.

Both parties were served for court & the following case plan was shared.

Case Plan

- ① The Agency to assign a family services worker (Javis office) for ongoing service & intervention
- ② A 3 month T.O. of

Guardianship will be pursued

- 3) The Agency will await further case history from Cree Nation CFS & incorporate same into the ongoing case plan
  - 4) Some form of psychiatric / psychological assessment will need to be undertaken w/ respect to Samantha - this to be arranged by the Agency or the couple but Agency approval.
  - 5) Both parents are to commence participation in an appropriate parenting program.
  - 6) Both parents to attend all weekly visits w/ Phoenix, visits to be transferred to the Jesus office as soon as possible.  
~~The couple has~~ →
- The couple has been advised of their right to secure legal counsel & both will be in attendance in court on

May 3/02 - Steven is a member of Lake St Martin (#275 013 601), while Samantha maintains her treaty status lies w/ Pine Creek (#282 017 601).  
 Anishinaabe CFS, Cree Nation CFS or West Region CFS will be served by ~~paralegal Gloria Lee~~ legal clerk Gloria Weytink.

The assigned worker shall have two primary issues to sort through in the coming months. Firstly, the question of parental motivation & commitment will need to be assessed & weighed on an ongoing basis. Secondly, it will be necessary to determine Samantha's parental capacity. The preceding case plan should serve to quickly help the assigned worker w/ these matters so that long term planning can quickly occur for Phoenix.