

To: Central Intake

FROM: Shelly Wiebe - CRU

DATE: December 1, 2004

RE: Samantha Kematch & Wes McKay
1-747 McGee Street
Winnipeg, Mb
R3E 1W9
783-7516

FILE #: S007676 - File last closed July 15/04

HISTORY:

Samantha became a ward of Cree Nation Child and Family Services in 1993. Samantha was in care as a child due to her mother's alcoholism, neglect, abandonment and abuse.

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.

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.

Intake 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.

| <u>CHILD(REN)</u> | <u>D.O.B.</u> | <u>PLACEMENT</u> |
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| Pheonix Sinclair (f) | April 23/00 | in home |
| ██████████ (f) | Nov. 30/04 | Women's Hospital |
| ██████████ (f) | April 29/01 | out of home – Deceased |
| ██████████ (m) | July 23/98 | out of home – P.W. of Cree Nation |

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS:

- Steven Sinclair May 15/80 father to Pheonix, ██████████ & ██████████
- Wes McKay
1-747 McGee Street
Winnipeg, Mb
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783-7516 father to ██████████
boyfriend to Samantha

SOURCE OF REFERRAL: ██████████ - social worker
Women's Hospital, ██████████

TIME OF REFERRAL: 10:34am

WPS INCIDENT #: BADGE #: CAR#:

PRESENTING PROBLEM/ INTERVENTION:

SOR called to report that Samantha was admitted to hospital yesterday and delivered her fourth child, a baby girl by the name of ██████████. ██████████ states that ██████████'s birth weight was 3837 grams, and the Apgars were 9 & 9.

SOR states that Samantha did receive good pre-natal care prior to the birth of this child, and notes that there are no known health concerns with respect to ██████ at this time. SOR states that there was no reported drug or alcohol use during this pregnancy.

SOR states that Samantha disclosed that she was previously involved with the Agency back in the summer of 2004, due to concerns with respect to her four year old daughter, Pheonix. SOR states that Pheonix is currently residing in the home with Samantha and her common-law partner, Wes McKay (date of birth unknown). SOR notes that Wes is the father to this new child, and is expected to be a support to Samantha.

After reviewing the recorded documentation on CFSIS, this worker consulted with supervisor, Faria, with respect to the Agency's role with respect to this matter. Faria agreed that this matter should be referred to intake for ongoing follow up and assessment of the home environment at this time.

On Dec. 1/04 this worker left a voice message for the SOR, asking that she reconnect with the Agency to report Samantha's expected date of discharge.

On Dec. 1/04 this worker contacted EIA to inquire about the demographic information of Samantha's common-law partner, Wes McKay. Worker was advised by EIA that Samantha only has one child listed on her budget, and that there is not expected to be a common-law partner residing in the home. Therefore the date of birth for Wes McKay could not be obtained.

On Dec. 1/04 at 12:00pm this worker reconnected with the SOR, ██████, at Women's Hospital at phone number ██████. Worker asked ██████ when the expected discharge date would be for Samantha and ██████ advised that Samantha might be leaving today after 5:00pm, or sometime tomorrow, depending on the hospital's need for the bed.

The safety assessment is completed and on file. Based on the information provided by the SOR the Safety Assessment, at the time of writing, is considered as within a 48-hour response.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended this file be opened for assessment and intervention.

Shelly Wiebe, Social Worker
CRU

Divia Faria, Unit Coordinator

Interventions:

On Dec. 2/04 this worker received the above referral information back from CRU supervisor, Faria, for ongoing follow up and assessment. Worker was directed by Faria to connect with the mother, offer the family supports, and close the file to CRU - if the Agency is unable to mandate services within the home at this time.

On Dec. 2/04 at 2:33pm this worker attempted to contact Samantha a home phone number 783-7516. Worker left a voice message asking Samantha to return the phone call.

On Dec. 3/04 at 1:03pm this worker attempted to contact Samantha Kematch at phone number 783-7516. There was no answer. Worker left a voice message asking Samantha to return the phone call today before 4:30pm at 944-4152.

On Dec. 3/04 at 1:10pm this worker contacted the SOR, [REDACTED] at Women's Hospital at [REDACTED]. Worker spoke to [REDACTED] and asked her to provide the discharge date for Samantha. [REDACTED] confirmed that Samantha was discharged from the hospital on Wednesday night.

On Dec. 3/04 at 1:15pm this worker consulted with supervisor, Faria, regarding this matter and the Agency's inability to connect with Samantha via phone at this point in time. Faria suggested that worker contact the PHN involved with the family, inquire if Public Health has been out to the home, and if there are no concerns identified by the PHN worker is to close the protection file.

On Dec. 3/04 at 1:18pm this worker contacted the WRHA office located at 490 Hargrave at phone number 940-2274, to inquire about the name of the PHN that would service the area of McGee Street. Worker was advised that the PHN assigned to work with Samantha Kematch is Mary Wu at phone number 940-2672.