

Date Completed: October 10, 2003

Family Name: Sinclair
 File Number: C007676B

FAMILY SERVICES
CHILD'S CLOSING SUMMARY

Demographics:

Mother's Full Name: Samantha Kematch
 DOB: September 9, 1981
 Address: 25-391 Balmoral Street
 Wpg. Mb. R3B 2P7
 Phone: (for messages) 786-5000 ext. 2072
 First Nation Membership: Pine Creek First Nation -- 282
 (2820176001)

Father's Full Name: Steven Sinclair
 DOB: May 15, 1980
 Address: 740B Magnus Avenue
 Wpg. Mb. R2W 2E4
 Phone: No Phone
 First Nation Membership: Lake St. Martin - 275
 (275-133601)

Children

Full Legal Name: Phoenix Victoria Hope Sinclair [REDACTED]
 Date of Birth: April 23, 2000 April 29, 2001 Died July 15, 2001
 Place of Birth: Wpg. Mb.
 First Nation Membership: Lake St. Martin First Nation -275
 Agency Status & Expiry Date: Temporary Order Expires October 3, 2003
 Placement: Ms. Kimberly Stephenson
 1331 Selkirk Avenue
 Wpg. Mb. R2X 0C9

Significant Others:

[REDACTED] DOB July 23, 1998, Step Brother to Phoenix, Samantha's First Child,
 Permanent Ward of Cree Nation CFS
 [REDACTED] Father to [REDACTED]
 Jenny Sinclair, Paternal Auntie, 756 Magnus Av. 586-7268
 Angie "Danielle" Sinclair, Paternal Auntie, 740B Magnus Av.
 Sheila Sinclair, Paternal Aunty, 2-531 Redwood Av.

Child Welfare History:

Both parents have been involved with child welfare agencies as permanent wards. Samantha became a ward of Cree Nation Child and Family Services in 1993 and Steven a ward of Winnipeg Child and Family Services in 1991. Samantha had one child, [REDACTED] when she was seventeen years old who is a permanent ward in care of Cree Nation Child and Family Services. Steven and Samantha had two children together. Phoenix born on April 23, 2000 and apprehended at birth as neither parent was ready or prepared to parent their daughter. In September of 2000 Phoenix was returned to her parents. On April 29, 2001, they had another baby named [REDACTED] who went to live with them and Phoenix. [REDACTED] died of natural causes related to complications of pneumonia on July 15, 2001 while in the care of Steven shortly after Samantha and Steven separated. Phoenix remained with Steven and the file was closed in March 2002 because Steven did not want any further services from the agency. The file was re-opened on February 28, 2003 due to medical concerns about Phoenix having a foreign object in her nose and was infected. The file was subsequently transferred for ongoing service on June 27, 2003, after Phoenix was apprehended on June 23, 2003. Steven's ability to parent his daughter had deteriorated to the point of him being under the influence most of the time and subjecting his daughter to inappropriate caregivers.

Identified Problems:

1. Steven's ability to parent deteriorated to the point of him being under the influence of alcohol and drugs most of the time and subjecting his daughter to inappropriate caregivers on a regular basis.
2. Steven's mistrust and reluctance to work with the agency.

Interventions:

Numerous attempts to contact Steven after Phoenix was apprehended were unsuccessful in connecting with him. Once the file was transferred contact was made with Steven, the ADP papers completed and arrangements for Phoenix to be placed in a Place of Safety were made. When the matter went to court Ms. Kematch consented to a three month Temporary Order on July 3, 2003 and Mr. Sinclair consented on August 2, 2003. During the time Phoenix was in care access arrangements were open to both parents who visited her on a regular basis.

Child Profile:

Child's full legal name:	Phoenix Victoria Hope Sinclair
DOB	April 23, 2000
Place of Birth	Winnipeg, Mb.
Ethnicity	Aboriginal (Ojibway)
Treaty Status	Status # 275-0133-601
Home Community	Lake St. Martin First Nation
Legal Status	3 Month Temporary Order Expired- October 2, 2003
Name of School/Daycare:	Not Applicable
Present Address	740B Magnus Avenue Wpg. Mb. R2W 2E4
Present Phone number	No Phone

Physical Description

Phoenix is 3 feet tall with dark brown hair and eyes. She weighs 40lbs. and has a nice tanned complexion.

Medical History

Phoenix has all her needles up to date. She was taken to emergency services on February 26, 2003 to have a piece of styra-foam removed from her nose after it got lodged and got infected. It was in her nose for quite some time before removal.

Agency Legal History

April 24, 2000, Apprehension
 June 2, 2000 to Aug 2, 2000, 3 Month Temporary Order
 August 3, 2000 to September 1, 2000, 1 month Voluntary Service Agreement
 February 24, 2003, Apprehension
 July 2, 2003 to October 2, 2003, 3 Month Temporary Order

Agency Placement History

April 26, 2000 to May 5, 2000, Hospital to Agency Shelter
 May 5, 2000 to September 5, 2000, Foster Care to Parents
 June 22, 2003 to June 27, 2003, Complete Care in Hotel
 June 27, 2003 to July 31, 2003, Foster Care to Place of Safety
 July 31, 2003 to October 2, 2003, Place of Safety to Parent

Academic History

Not applicable

Family Contact and Family Visits

Access to visit Phoenix was open during time she was in the Place of Safety. Dad visited on a regular basis while Mom and other relatives visited on occasion.

Relevant Reports:

Intake Transfer Summary by Marnie Saunderson dated April 28, 2000
 Continued Summary of Service and Intervention by Andy Orobko dated May 1, 2000
 Child In Care Closing Summary by Kerri-Lynn Greely dated October 2, 2000
 Intake Opening Transfer Summary by Laura Forrest dated June 27, 2003

Unresolved Problems:

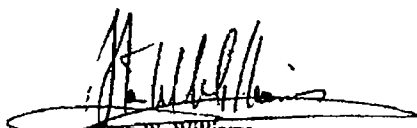
Mr. Sinclair requested his child stay in care until he felt strong enough to care for her once again. He has had his time out and will parent Phoenix starting October 2, 2003. He has done no programming and as such is prone to returning to an unhealthy way of managing stresses in his life. He is aware of the need to arrange for appropriate alternative caregivers when he feels the need for a break or time out for respite.

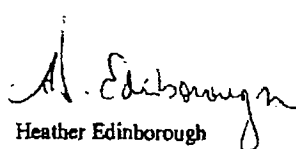
Recommendations for Future:

In the event Mr. Sinclair returns to unhealthy ways of managing his life and caring for his daughter, it is recommended Phoenix be placed with Place of Safety Foster Parents, Rohan and Kimberly Stephenson. It is also recommended he attend to programming for lifestyle difficulties prior to him considering parenting his daughter Phoenix. It is anticipated a temporary Order of six months to a year would be required.

Reason for Closing:

The three month Temporary Order Mr. Sinclair and Ms. Kernatch consented to, expired on October 2, 2003. Phoenix has been returned to live with her Dad and is no longer in care. Therefore, it is recommended the Child's file be closed today. Mr. Sinclair's file will remain open to monitor his progress and be available to encourage and support his efforts to parent his daughter.


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