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CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

██████████ was born on April 29, 2001. Her parents, Ms. Samantha Kematch and Mr. Steve Sinclair had had extensive involvement with child welfare agencies.

Ms. Kematch had been a Permanent Ward of Cree Nation Child and Family Caring Agency who had been placed in an Independent Living Program. She had given birth to a child, ██████████ and had been so unprepared for parenting that ██████████ had eventually been made a Permanent Ward of Cree Nation Child and Family Caring Agency.

As ██████████'s father was originally from the community of Wasagamack, the Permanent Order was transferred to Island Lake First Nation Family Services. There was no indication however that ██████████ had any involvement with ██████████. Currently, ██████████ is still in the care of Island Lake First Nation Family Services.

Mr. Steve Sinclair had also been a Permanent Ward of Winnipeg Child and Family Services. Case documentation with respect to him stated concerns if Mr. Sinclair should ever have care of children.

Ms. Kematch and Mr. Sinclair were the parents of a daughter, Phoenix, born on April 23, 2000. When Phoenix was born, Ms. Kematch remained unprepared for her eventual role as a parent and Mr. Sinclair had no experience with parenting children and appeared to be as unprepared as Ms. Kematch although he demonstrated some affect around the birth of his child. There was particular concern with Ms. Kematch's lack of affect with respect to anything.

Given the respective parental histories, Phoenix came into the care of Winnipeg Child and Family Services while Ms. Kematch and Mr. Sinclair took parenting courses and worked with the Agency to have Ms. Kematch assessed as to her potential to care for children.

Phoenix was returned to her parents' care after the three month Temporary Order expired and the Agency gradually increased the amount of time that Phoenix spent with her parents until she was with them on a full-time basis.

The Agency apprehended Phoenix in June of 2003 due to her father's substance abuse. A three month Temporary Order was sought. She remains in care.

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The Special Investigator feels that Winnipeg Child and Family Services has met their mandate with respect to this case.

Summaries were complete and on file. Child in Care reviews were complete. Family assessment information was complete.

It was relatively easy to follow the paths the family had taken from the summary. This file met Provincial Program Standards and was well maintained.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER HAS NO RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAKE WITH RESPECT TO THIS MATTER.

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