

### Case:

The client came to Lunenburg Department of Social Services for a Family Partnership Meeting concerning putting her children in the temporary custody of family friends. Prior to the meeting, the client had already found family friends willing to take in the children involved and all family friends were participating in the Family Partnership Meeting through Zoom. The social worker involved in this client's case believed it was best for the children to go into temporary custody as the client was struggling with her mental health, her financial situation, her living situation, and was in a relationship which commonly had issues pertaining to domestic violence. The social worker believed that it was best for the children to go into temporary care as the client has had recurring issues with neglect and needs the time to focus on herself and work on getting another mental evaluation done, take her medications, move homes as her home is unsafe for her and the children, and needs to work on her relationship, as the social worker is concerned for the man she is in a relationship with to be around the client or her children because of his violent tendencies. During the Family Partnership Meeting, the client began to reconsider this idea of allowing her children to go into temporary care. The social worker noticed her hesitation and mentioned that while she doesn't want her kids to have to go either, it will only be temporary, the client is still a great mother, and they are running out of options. At the mention of foster care, the client grew strongly upset and angry with the social worker, yelling at the social worker that she will not be taking her children, accusing the social worker of wanting to take the children all along, and threatening the social worker. While the social worker and family friends through Zoom tried to calm the client down, the client seemed to be stuck on the idea that her children were going to go to foster care and was struggling to realize that her children will not be going to foster care, but the client needs to take this opportunity to allow the children to temporarily live with family friends, as they are slowly running out of options.

### SOAP Note:

S - The client seemed to be hesitant to allow her children to live with family friends temporarily because she worried about the well-being of her children and did not want to be seen as a bad mother. The client also seemed to not see an issue with how her domestic violence relationship could affect her children, as she stated, "He only hurts me, he doesn't hurt the kids." When the client came in, she seemed to be calm and sad about the contents of the meeting. During the meeting, the client quickly became angry and defensive at the idea of foster care. The client claimed that she believed that the social worker's only goal since day one was to take her children away, not help her. The client originally came in for resources to help her financially and mentally, but the Lunenburg Department of Social Services has noticed some issues of neglect as the mother is struggling to take care of herself and her children at the same time.

O - The client came in dressed casually in leggings, a jacket, and boots. Throughout the meeting, the client was staring at the wall and the floor at times, seemingly zoned out to the conversation.

At times, when spoken to, the client would continue to be zoned out or would take a moment to reply to the social worker. The client has four children and claimed that she was struggling financially and was struggling to find a job. While there are issues of child neglect, the client stated that her children have visited the dentist and some have visited the doctor recently.

A - It seems to the worker that the client needs to have her children temporarily put into homes with the family friends that the client found so that the client can have the time and energy to care for herself, find a job, move, and do everything that she needs to do for herself and her children without having her children in the home. The social worker strongly wants for the client to work on her mental health, as her mental health is a factor that may put the children at risk of being harmed and has been a factor in the lack of care for her children. The worker was strongly concerned with the domestic violence relationship and wants to get the client out of that situation as soon as possible.

P - The social worker's plan is to push for the client's children to go into temporary care with family friends within the next day after this meeting so that the client can work on herself and better herself for herself and her children.