

DEPENDENT AND NEGLECT REPORT

INTAKE SUMMARY

Referring Source _____ How received: _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Office _____

_____ Letter _____

Phone _____ Other _____

Directions to home

Description of neglect

3-21-73: IW received TC from Ms. Deborah Vogelsberger, _____, who said she was a friend of M and F. Both M and F are in home. Ps have been active with WPIC for some time.

Caller had hearsay reports that M threatened to put her fist through a window today. M did not follow through with this threat. According to caller's information, M has kicked down the door to her apartment and has threatened to throw Robert out of a third floor apartment window. F, reportedly has turned on gas in their apartment and threatened to kill himself and the baby. The police were called by M.

M receives counseling once a week from Shadyside Information Center, WPIC, from Ms. Herr. F, reportedly had been involved in counseling, but has refused to talk to anyone recently.

According to caller, F and Robert receive MA, but M is not included on grant from DFA.

~~Evaluation of referring source~~ MCM, (name unknown) has an interest in the family, but F refuses to allow MCM to see Robert.

3-22-73: Letter sent to M and F scheduling an appointment for 3-29-73.

3-27-73: M phoned about scheduled appointment. M has taken Robert and moved out of F's home. M is filing for divorce since F will not work and support this family. M is now at in-laws home (M would not give name) with phone number _____. M intends to be located soon in her own apartment with Robert in her care.

Complaint valid _____ Date _____

Complaint not valid _____ Date _____



M has been counseling with Ms. Herr, WPIC, Shadyside Information Center.

M will not come in for appointment since she feels complaints are unfounded and she has limited funds.

M said she and Robert were out of home when F turned on gas. M said that at no time was Robert in danger from either M or F.

3-28-73: IW phoned Ms. Herr, WPIC, , who was not in. Message left to phone CWS.

LATER: Ms. Herr, WPIC returned IW's TC. M is counseling on a weekly basis at WPIC and keeps all her appointments. Ms. Herr does not see any danger to Robert at this point. IW advised Ms. Herr that, while M is counseling with WPIC and while Robert is not in danger, CWS will not be involved. Ms. Herr agreed that this arrangement will leave WPIC free to counsel M. If CWS involvement is needed, our agency can be contacted. Case is closed.

Louis Varoga
Caseworker 4-4-73

bbw: 4-4-73

CONTACTS:

- 10-28-85 TC: from Michael Weller to Barbara Muller
- 11-4 TC: to Ronald Glick, psychiatrist, Southwood Psychiatric Hospital
- 11-6 TC: from Michael Weller, SW, Southwood Hospital
- 11-8 TC: from Michael Weller
- TC: to M
- 11-12 TC: to Calendar Control
- TC: from Minnie Avery, Child Advocate
- 11-12 TC: from Michael Weller
- TC: to M and MGM
- 11-13 Shelter hearing before Judge Smith
- TC: from Michael Weller
- 11-15 TC: to Jane Bomgartz, LY&FS
- 11-18 TC: to Bradley Center
- 11-19 TC: to Michael Weller
- TC: to M and SF
- 11-22 Dependency hearing before Judge McLean
- Transported child to BC for placement
- 11-25 TC: from Gary Phillips, BC
- 12-5 TC: to Gary Phillips

CASEWORK ACTIVITY:

This case was referred to C&YS by Southwood Psychiatric Hospital because Robert Bowers, b.d. 9-4-72, was an in-patient there, and evidently in need of placement outside the home. This CW spoke to Robert's psychiatrist, Ronald Glick, on 11-4-85. He characterized young Robert as *depressed* and stated they were in the process of doing a drug trial for him. They expected to keep him another three weeks. He stated they could see clearly he could not go back home. He displayed no aggression in the hospital and has not attempted to runaway. Dr. Glick indicated that the boy could possibly go to Amicus House after discharge. He was not willing to state definitively whether or not Robert needed an ITU. More information about the case was received from Michael Weller by phone on 11-6-85. At that point, he stated that they were anticipating a discharge on 11-13. Mr. Weller characterized Robert's M, Barbara Saiter, as "quite histrionic". He spelled out that Rob was doing much better away from his home, the implication being that the level of parenting that his M was providing was strongly contributing to Robert's problems. However, some of these problems sounded pretty severe, such as attempting to set his M's hair on fire at one point. However, they had witnessed no property destruction on the ward, aside from Robert's ripping up a textbook when he was angry. Robert's F was Del Bowers, who committed suicide when Robert was in the second grade. At the present time, Rob's M is living with Ray Bolt, a 24 year old blind man. They have been living together for about four years. Mr. Bolt works as a vacuum sweeper repair man, while Mrs. Siater works part time for Olan Mills at Southland Shopping Center, phone . Apparently, Rob's M had been married to a Mr. Saiter, hence the name. However, she was not prepared to discuss this second marriage, which apparently took place between the summer of 1975 and summer of 1976. This marriage produced no children.

As for an appropriate placement for Rob, Mr. Weller recommended an ITU at first. He said that Robert is above average to superior intelligence, and showed no educational problems until about a year ago. At the present time, Southwood had him on Imipramine, an antidepressant, to the tune of 50 mgs. three times a day. Apparently, Robert's problems were stimulated by the deaths of two relatives in the last year, which had led to significant symptoms of depression. Rob's M denied a history of depression, but Mr. Wellard indicates that she seems to have a "high threshold of tolerance for deviance". Apparently, Mrs. Saiter had been hospitalized at least once for post partum depression at WPIC, and may have been hospitalized a second time. The family is active with the Mon Yough BSU with MH/MR. The case manager is Siri Law, phone # , ext. 131.

A petition was filed, but at the insistence of Southwood, a shelter hearing was held on 11-13-85 before Judge Smith, to resolve the exact planning for discharge. Southwood and the family had agreed that in the interim between discharge from Southwood and Rob's going into placement, he could live with his PGM, Patricia Jenkins, at , phone # . (This is in the Whitehall area.) The family was strongly against Rob going into McIntyre Shelter for the interim.

A shelter hearing was held before Judge Smith on 11-13-85. Minnie Avery was the Child Advocate, and Gary Zolyak represented the M. M was present, as was her paramour, Ray Bolt. Michael Well r represented Southwood at the hearing.

Discharge planning was presented to Judge Smith, who indicated that C&YS should evaluate the home of the MGM before Rob was placed there.

The dependency hearing was scheduled before Judge McLean on 11-22-85. Fortunately, Southwood was able to stretch out the length of Rob's stay at their facility, so it was not necessary for an evaluation to be done of the GM's home. A preplacement interview at BC was set up with the help of a case aide on 11-21-85, and it was confirmed that Rob was accepted there. The dependency hearing was held on 11-22-85 before Judge McLean. Georgine Siroky was the Child Advocate. Dennis Biondo was the county attorney, and this time, Linda Ehrenreich represented the M. Again, M and Ray Bolt were present. Towards the very end of the hearing, it was resolved that he would be going to BC, Rob decided that he was willing to go back home with his M. There was a bit of a scene at this point, because Mrs. Saiter actually seemed to be willing to go along with this, and Judge McLean indicated under the circumstances it seemed to be necessary for Rob to go into placement. CW did not get a good look at this, but apparently M ran out in the hall at JC screaming. CW personally transported Rob to BC after the hearing. Rob remains at BC at the present time.

EVALUATION:

Robert Bowers is a disturbed young man, whose problems are further complicated by the evident emotional problems of his M. At the present time, the placement at BC is best suited for Rob's needs.

RECOMMENDATION:

This case should be transferred to the appropriate institutional CW, along with the child's record.

John Burchfield
CW: 12-30-85

lr: 1-8-86

SUMMARY OF CONTACTS:

1-8-86	TC: from M
	TC: to BC
	TC: to Gary Phillips
	TC: to Vivian Harris, SW, Bradley Center
	TC: to M
1-16	FSP/PA meeting at DTO
1-23	TC: to M
5-16	TC: to Vivian Harris
5-19	TC: to Vivian Harris
5-21	Judge McLean grants continuance
6-2	TC: to M
6-4	Review hearing by addendum before Judge McLean Robert Bowers discharged from BC to care of M
9-10	TC: to M
9-17	FSPR at M's house
10-3	Dictated child's record for closure

REASON FOR REFERRAL:

This family was referred to this agency by Southwood Psychiatric Hospital, where Robert Bowers was admitted as an inpatient on 10-10-85. The initial referral letter was signed by Ronald Glick, M.D. and Michael Weller, ACSW, SW. Southwood recommended residential placement following Rob's discharge from Southwood.

SOCIAL INFORMATION:

Robert Bowers is the only son of Barbara Saiter. His F, Randall "Del" Bowers has been dead for about seven years. Rob's M was married in the summer of 1975 to Robert Saiter, separated in 1976. Mrs. Saiter presently lives with Raymond Bolt, a blind man. As of the present dictation, Robert is again living at home with Mrs. Saiter and Mr. Bolt.

CASEWORK ACTIVITY:

Please see previous dictation for the history of the events that led up to Robert Bowers placement at BC. Robert had been placed at BC immediately following his dependency hearing on 11-22-85. At the time of the dependency hearing, Judge McLean had scheduled a review to take place on 5-21-86.

Robert Bowers made significant progress in placement. The course of his placement can be found in the reports from BC in the separate child's record for Robert Bowers, #16,453-1. A copy of the social service summary discharge summary report and discharge summary from BC can be found in the back of this case record.

FSP/PA was drawn up and signed at a meeting at the C&YS DTO on 1-16-86. Present for this meeting was Robert, his M, Ray Bolt, this CW, and Vivian Harris, Robert's SW at BC.

As the date for the six month review hearing rolled around, BC was reporting that it seemed feasible for Robert to return home to his M's care at the beginning of June. In line with this recommendation, this CW requested a continuance on 5-21-86.

A continued hearing was conducted by addendum on 6-4-86. The FSP and PA as well as a FSP and PA addendum were included. C&YS recommendation was that Rob be discharged from BC to the care of his M and this took place on 6-4-86.

CW made a HV with Rob Bowers and his family on 9-17-86. Mrs. Saiter seemed to be in much better spirits than she had been before Rob went into placement. Rob did seem somewhat surly and uncooperative and wandered around the apartment during the meeting, although he was quite willing to sign the FSP review. At the time of his discharge from Southwood Hospital, Robert was receiving an anti-depressant, Impramine. However, this medication was discontinued in January while he was at BC. BC had recommended follow up with the Base Service Unit. Mrs. Saiter had one session with Sandy Block from Mon Yough Base Service Unit. Mrs. Saiter stated this session had been very unproductive and added that she, herself, disliked Sandy Block. This CW stated that he felt it would be better if the family were involved with some sort of follow up counseling with the Base Service Unit or another provider. He stressed that it might be possible for the family to find a therapist that they could get along better ^{with} than Sandy Block.

At the present time, Robert is attending the 9th grade in a regular program at Baldwin High School. As the amendment to the FSP at this review, CW indicated that he had advised Robert to reconsider becoming involved in counseling with the Base Service Unit. CW also indicated that C&YS would provide PS for a period of some months to establish that Robert was indeed functioning adequately in his family's home and that Mrs. Saiter and her paramour were able to provide reasonable and effective limits for Robert.

ASSESSMENT:

At the present time, things seem to be stable at the Saiter/Bowers residence. However, appearances may be deceiving. At the time that this case was originally referred to C&YS attention, the staff at Southwood stated that Mrs. Saiter seemed to have what they called a "high tolerance for deviance." On the positive side, this CW certainly did not have the feeling that M was at her wits end as she seemed to be at the time Robert was removed from the home. ROI has been sent to Rob's school and to the Mon Yough Base Service Unit. Next CW is advised to make contact with Rob's school. It is left to the next CW's discretion whether or not he or she should continue to prod the family into becoming reinvolved in counseling.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this family record be transferred to the appropriate PS CW. A child's record for Robert Bowers, #16,453-1, has been dictated for closure.

John Burchfield
CW: 10-3-86

lr: 10-8-86

assigned to B. Cabral 11/24/86. JPB