

IN RE CHILD OF VERONICA I.

Submitted on Briefs October 21, 2020

Decided October 29, 2020

Panel: MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and CONNORS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Veronica I. and the father appeal from a jeopardy order as to their child entered in the District Court (Lewiston, *Martin, J.*) on the petition of the Department of Health and Human Services. Contrary to the parents' contentions, there is sufficient evidence in the record to support the court's determination, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the child is in circumstances of jeopardy to his health or welfare. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4002(6), 4035 (2020); *In re Child of Ryan F.*, 2020 ME 21, ¶¶ 30-31, 224 A.3d 1051. The court's finding that an aggravating factor exists as to both parents is also supported by competent record evidence.<sup>1</sup> *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4002(1-B), 4036(1)(G-2) (2020); *In re B.C.*, 2012 ME 140, ¶ 11, 58 A.3d 1118.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

---

<sup>1</sup> Because a cease reunification order is not an appealable decision, we do not consider the parents' additional contention that the court erred by entering such an order. *See* 22 M.R.S. §§ 4006, 4036(1)(G-2) (2020); *In re B.C.*, 2012 ME 140, ¶¶ 12-15, 58 A.3d 1118.

Henry W. Griffin, Esq., Auburn, for appellant mother

Matthew C. Garascia, Esq., Auburn, for appellant father

Aaron M. Frey, Attorney General, and Meghan Szylvian, Asst. Atty. Gen., Office of the Attorney General, Augusta, for appellee Department of Health and Human Services

Lewiston District Court docket number PC-2019-69  
FOR CLERK REFERENCE ONLY