

IN RE CHILD OF JUSTICE B.

Submitted on Briefs February 23, 2022

Decided March 3, 2022

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Justice B. appeals from a judgment entered by the District Court (Lewiston, *S. Driscoll, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a), (b)(i), (ii), (iv) (2021). The mother does not raise any arguments on appeal, *see In re M.C.*, 2014 ME 128, ¶¶ 7-8, 104 A.3d 139, and our review of the record demonstrates that there is sufficient evidence to support the court's finding, by clear and convincing evidence, that the mother, who made little progress in addressing a longstanding substance use disorder, did not make a good-faith effort to rehabilitate and reunify and could not take responsibility for the child or protect the child from jeopardy within a time reasonably calculated to meet the child's needs. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iv); *In re Child of Louise G.*, 2020 ME 87, ¶ 8, 236 A.3d 445. Nor did the court err or abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the child's best interest given the child's need for permanency and the mother's lack of progress in addressing her substance use disorder. *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2)(a); *In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶¶ 16, 30, 889 A.2d 297.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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With leave of the Court, the Department of Health and Human Services did not file a brief

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