

IN RE KIARA W.

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Decided July 22, 2008

Panel: SAUFLEY, C.J., and CLIFFORD, ALEXANDER, SILVER, MEAD, and GORMAN, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Kiara W. appeals from a judgment entered in the District Court (Portland, *Goranites, J.*) terminating her parental rights to Kiara pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2007). Contrary to the mother's contentions, the court rationally could have found clear and convincing evidence in the record to support its determinations that the mother was: (1) unable to protect the child from jeopardy and these circumstances were unlikely to change within a time reasonably calculated to meet Kiara's needs, and (2) unable to take responsibility for Kiara within a time reasonably calculated to meet her needs. *See In re Thomas D.*, 2004 ME 104, ¶ 21, 854 A.2d 195, 201. The court also rationally could have found clear and convincing evidence in the record to support its determination that termination of the mother's parental rights was in Kiara's best interest. *See id.*; *see also In re Michaela C.*, 2002 ME 159, ¶ 27, 809 A.2d 1245, 1253. Finally, the mother does not argue that she did not see and sign the reunification plan. Trial testimony and the reports of the guardian ad litem also indicate that the mother was cognizant of the steps required to achieve reunification. In these circumstances, the fact that the reunification plan does not appear in the court's record, and was not properly docketed, does not change the result. *See In re Doris G.*, 2006 ME 142, ¶ 16, 912 A.2d 572, 578.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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