

IN RE COURTNEY W. et al.

Submitted on Briefs June 30, 2008
Decided July 31, 2008

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

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The mother of Courtney W. and her two younger sisters appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Machias, *Romei, J.*) terminating her parental rights pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(B)(2) (2007). Contrary to the mother's contentions, the court did not err in declining to continue the matter because of the delayed receipt of assessments of the two younger girls that were not addressed in the court's findings, *see In re Michelle W.*, 2001 ME 123, ¶ 14, 777 A.2d 283, 286-87; the court's findings regarding both parental unfitness pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(B)(2)(b)(i) and the best interests of each child pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4055(B)(2)(a) were stated with sufficient clarity in the judgment, *see In re Mariah B.*, 2006 ME 141, ¶¶ 6-11, 910 A.2d 401, 403-04; *In re Scott S.*, 2001 ME 114, ¶¶ 17-22, 775 A.2d 1144, 1150-52; and the evidence in the record was sufficient to support to the clear and convincing evidence standard, the court's findings, and its decision to terminate parental rights. *See In re Thomas H.*, 2005 ME 123, ¶¶ 16-18, 889 A.2d 297, 301-02; *In re Marpheen C.*, 2002 ME 170, ¶¶ 5-6, 812 A.2d 972, 974-75.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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