**GUARDIAN *ad Litem* REPORT TO COURT**

**CASA KANE COUNTY**

**CASE NUMBER(S)**: 19 JA-51

**HEARING DATE**: 02/16/2022

**PURPOSE OF HEARING**: Status of Services

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

DOB AGE

John Smith 05/05/2013 8

**FINDINGS UPDATE RELATED TO THE CHILDREN:**

**John Smith** (8 years old)

Services

The Client Service Plan dated November 4, 2020, recommended individual therapy services for John. John has attended weekly counseling sessions with Howard Counseling since February 2021. He no longer attends counseling as a result of returning home. According to his mother, John struggles with understanding the change in his living situation. He is used to being entertained and engaged in activities with his extended family while in his grandmother’s care, and the transition home has at times been confusing for him. CASA/GAL spoke with One Hope United Caseworker, Martha Montgomery regarding the continuation of counseling. Ms. Montgomery stated she is checking to determine if the agency is able to provide this service during the After Care period which is scheduled to end on February 16, 2022. As of the date of this report writing, an answer has not been determined.

Edwards Elementary school teacher Jackie Martin shared with CASA/GAL that John is performing far below his grade level in many subjects. Per Ms. Martin, John exhibits ADHD type behaviors in class which she believes have been impeding his ability to learn. She inquired if an evaluation can be completed to determine if John would benefit from therapy services. CASA/GAL shared this information with One Hope United Caseworker, Martha Montgomery on February 7, 2022.

**FINDINGS UPDATE RELATED TO THE PARENTS:**

**Angela Jones** (Mother)

Services

Ms. Jones has completed all recommended services and continues to participate in drug testing with negative results, mental health counseling, and is an active and regular participant at NA/AA meetings.

Ms. Montgomery discussed with Ms. Jones during a call on August 2, 2021, that the agency will apply for Norman Funds to assist with necessities for the children. The application was to be submitted on August 4, 2021. As of the date of this report writing, a determination on the availability of this benefit has not been determined.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. John Smith should be provided with an evaluation to determine if the behaviors exhibited during school are related to ADHD; if positive, appropriate treatment should be identified and provided.

Respectfully submitted by CASA/GAL: Amanda N. Date: 02/10/2022