

The meeting started with Gloria asking Martina if she is happy with her current situation.

Martina noted that even though the family is accessing a support worker for a longer period of time during the day, it is not known if this will continue under BuddyBoy's new NDIS plan. NDIS are still writing this plan up when they were contacted to see how far along they were.

Gloria stated that she has all of Martina's reports for BuddyBoy and had read them. She stated they were "quite comprehensive"

The team spoke of NDIS goals and the goals of BuddyBoy's RDI therapist and psychologist, that had been written in her report.

The team spoke about what had happened in the past with Martina's involvement with DHHS disability services and CPS. The family was told that due to BuddyBoy's high needs and non-verbal communication that the Behavioural Intervention Support Team couldn't support them and neither could CAHMS.

Martina is worried about the what ifs surrounding BuddyBoy's NDIS funding ie: What if he is not supported through his package.

Martina stated that BuddyBoy is doing fabulously. He has his good days and his bad days still. The worry is that the other kids in the house are still not having their needs met. Martina needs and wants to be able to focus on the other children in the house and to be a parent again.

During conversations with the Care Team it was stated by Gloria that there had been 2 CPS complaints against the family last year, not 1. This was news to Martina and the advocate asked why the family had not been informed of the second complaint but had been of the first. Gloria stated that in some cases when the complaint doesn't get past investigation then sometimes the family are not informed.

CPS got involved again after Martina made a post on social media.

Gloria stated that she was unsure of what CPS can do and asked Martina what she needed. Martina asked that CPS link into DHHS housing to see about a movable unit.

Martina also asked about soundproofing areas of the house. Gloria stated that there was a concern that the family may not hear BuddyBoy if he was hurting himself. Martina replied that they would hear him.

Martina stated the other option could be a separate living area for the rest of the family. A space that is just for them so that the other children could have friends over.

Martina asked for assistance for the other children in regards to mental health and programs they may be interested in.

Gloria stated that in discussions with CAHMS they had reported BuddyBoy's problems were more disability related than mental health but Gloria is happy to push forward with a mental health assessment for all of the children including BuddyBoy.

Gloria will liaise with her boss as to how much support CPS can provide the family.

Martina suggested a big brother/ big sister worker for the other children.

Gloria stated that due to age CPS does not cover the 2 older children.

Martina requested fencing to keep BuddyBoy safe. Gloria replied that in her 5 years at CPS she hasn't known of that to happen but will ask her boss.

Gloria asked if any of the other children were registered for NDIS to which Martina replied that the eldest had been accepted on the register after trying for three months.