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Family Court Services
Child Custody Recommending Counseling Report

Case Name:	Lohman, Rebecca/ Lohman, Corey			*Case #:*	FAMSB2207189
Hearing Date:	12/26/2023	*Dept:*	S-43	*Session Date:*	12/1/2023

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Current Plan/Orders:	See below.			
Type of Agreement:	Full ☐	Temporary ☐	Partial ☒	None ☐
Other:				
Areas of Dispute:	Legal Custody ☒	Share Plan ☒	Vacation ☐	Co-Parenting ☒
	Physical Custody ☒	Holidays ☐	Other ☐	

Current Children and Family Services (CFS) Involvement:	Yes ☐	No ☒
Separate Interviews Conducted [redacted] Redacted Protect Minor	Yes ☒	No ☐
Interpreter Required: [redacted] VERY IMPORTANT	Yes ☐	No ☒

Interpreter Name:						
Interview Type:	In-Person ☒		Telephonic ☐		Videoconference ☐	
	Mother ☒	Father ☒	Mother ☐	Father ☐	Mother ☐	Father ☐
Orientation Attendance:	Mother ☒	Father ☒				
Collateral Contacts:	CFS ☐	Therapist ☐	Law Enforcement ☐	Other ☐		
Children Interviewed:	Yes ☒	No ☐	Date: **12/19/2023**			

Allegations against Mother:	Domestic Violence ☐	Substance Abuse ☐ Alcohol ☐ Drugs ☐	Child Abuse ☐ Physical ☐ Sexual ☐ Emotional ☐ Neglect ☐
	Mental Health ☒	Criminal History ☐	School Issues ☐
	Special Needs ☐	Co-Parenting Conflicts ☒	Other ☐
Allegations against Father:	Domestic Violence ☒	Substance Abuse ☐ Alcohol ☐ Drugs ☐	Child Abuse ☐ Physical ☐ Sexual ☐ Emotional ☐ Neglect ☐
	Mental Health ☒	Criminal History ☐	School Issues ☐
	Special Needs ☐	Co-Parenting Conflicts ☒	Other ☐

(Betty Tamtomo, LCSW) *Child Custody Recommending Counselor*	B.T
Date:	12/20/2023

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Current Plans and Orders:

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Demographics:

The parents were married 3/28/2009 and separated 4/1/2020. Mother resides in a 3-bedroom house in Redlands with the child. Mother works Monday to Friday, standard business hours. Father resides in Redlands. Father reported he is on leave from Starbuck's and currently in school full time.

Collateral Summary:

Not applicable.

Child/ren's Interview:

Addison, 9 years old:

The child was interviewed at the request of the undersigned. Both parents were present in the FCS lobby.

[redacted] was friendly, precocious, and responsive to questions asked. Regarding today's interview [redacted] shared that yesterday dad informed her she would be speaking with someone to help with the divorce and mom said she would be speaking with someone to help with the family.

[redacted] stated she is 9-years old and in the 4th grade at Mission Elementary School. She shared her favorite subject is Reading

and her favorite book is Rings of Fire, about dragons, and the Magic Treehouse. The child reported she recently performed in a school play called the Great Western Movement and also had a band performance.

[redacted] reported she lives with her mom and dog, Aspen. The child stated she helps take care of Aspen. She shared her favorite thing about mom is sometimes they do fun things, and watch movies and drink hot chocolate. The child shared while on vacation she is learning about her culture and shared she is half Mexican, Swedish, and Native American.

[redacted] stated mom takes her to school and dad sometimes dad picks her up. The child stated she does not normally get in trouble at mom's house and recalls one time she accidentally turned off the lights while playing hide and go seek and was grounded.

Without prompting [redacted] remarked, "I don't really feel comfortable with my mom's boyfriend, Joe Berrelle." The child proceeded to spell his last name. The child was asked why she feels uncomfortable with him and she explained, "I feel he is a little suspicious. I don't vibe with him." The child denied she is left home alone with Joe, however stated if they are in a room and mom goes to get something in another room she is left alone with him. Addison stated she does not want to be left alone with Joe. The child also reported mom and her boyfriend make-out in front of her.

[redacted] was asked how often she visits dad and she responded, "I see dad two to three times a week. I'd like to see him a lot more and live with him because we do a lot of fun things. My dad is engaged to this really nice lady and I have a lot of pets." Addison stated her favorite thing to do with dad is watch movies and take walks. She stated the lady dad is engaged too is really nice and she gets her nails done with her. The child denied she gets in trouble at dad's house or

is disciplined. The child acknowledged dad's house has a lot of pets, over 15, but the house is really clean. The child stated dad got her a guinea pig and sometimes there is hay on the floor for them. She stated they have two puppies that are not potty-trained and have pads around the house.

The child was asked how her parents get along and she replied, "My parents don't really get along. Sometimes I go to horseback riding and gymnastics. I've seen my mom glare at my dad, and my dad is always happy and smiling. He couldn't sit with her at my band performance. My dad will say you have the best mom in the world and we get her gifts for Mother's day and Christmas. If we talk about the divorce she kind of doesn't speak for the moment. Dad is the opposite and talks about it."

The child paused and advised she also wanted the court to know that she does not feel comfortable with (maternal) grandma because, "When I come home from dad's house my mom will ask what I did over there. I see her texting my grandma and I feel she is texting her all my answers about over there." The child denied grandma makes negative comments about dad.

The child was asked if she recalled an incident when she was crying at school. She stated she was talking to her best friend about having 27 cousins and her best friend was upset and stated, "Can we not talk about family. explained she was sad because she trusted her friend with her life and now she cannot talk to her about family.

The child was asked if she feels safe with her parents. She responded, "I feel safe with dad, but not mom. I'm afraid she is going to use things against me in court." The child was asked about how mom would use things against her in court and she reported mom may record her.

The child denied her parents discuss the court business with her. She stated, "My dad used to have this girlfriend and we found out later that she was mentally unstable and she told me things about court, the divorce, and that my mom meant to do the divorce." The child stated dad has a "better" girlfriend now.

The child was asked about provisions (food, clothing, shelter) at both homes and denied any issues. The child reported mom drinks alcohol and she is concerned because if something happens she does not know if mom could take care of her if she was drinking. The child was asked if mom acts different while drinking and stated, "No, that I know of." The child denied dad or his girlfriend drink alcohol.

The child was asked if she has spoken with a counselor or therapist. She stated she had a counselor, "But I don't really trust my school counselor that much." The child stated she is open to speaking with a counselor outside of school. The child stated father tried enrolling her in counseling but mom said no and told her to speak with the school counselor commented, "If dad does something to help me and I agree with it, my will say no and has her own opinion."

The child stated her three wishes are as follows: "1) I wouldn't have to worry. I always worry that I am not going to see my dad tomorrow or the next day. A lot of my friends have divorced parents and talk about it. 2) To live with my dad 3) My brother has autism and can't speak well. It's Jamie's son, I call him brother. I wish that he could speak because he gets bullied at school."

The child stated she wants to be a veterinarian for small animal and exotics "because there are not a lot of vets that do small animals because they have small GI tracts, and small surgeries." The child stated she has been studying about animals since she was in the second grade and had mice.

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The child was asked if there is anything additional she wants to share and she stated, "I really would like to live with my dad. I feel she (mom) is recording everything I speak. I think my mom is fine. But I have brothers and sisters at dad's house. I came home saying I have brothers and sisters and told mom I love them. The next week we went to this guy's house and she has a daughter. I feel she is trying to make me happy, sometimes I am happy. She is trying to persuade me to do something. One time me and Jamie got our nails done and then me and my mom never get our nails done and the next week me and my mom did. If we do something my mom does it to." Addison stated she is also excited about (maternal) grandpa coming for the holidays.

Comments/ Concerns:

The matter was brought to the court's attention for child custody and visitation. The parents were met with separately with mother being interviewed first. The parents were unsuccessful in reaching an agreement in all areas, with the exception of individual therapy for the child.

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Father was opposed to mother's request.

Father is requesting sole legal custody due to concerns of neglect at mother's home. Father stated the child was crying to the teacher because she does not have a safe home to go to. Father expressed concern about alcohol use by mother and stated the child has shared mother and her boyfriend drink about 5 glasses of wine. Additionally, father

reported the child disclosed mother and her boyfriend make out in front of her, which makes her feel uncomfortable.

Father advised the child has informed him, "I want nothing to do with my mom." Father stated Addison has written a letter to the judge. Father stated the letters state "Daddy you are wonderful and great." Father was advised to file any documentation for the court's review. Father expressed concern the child is being forced to write letters to the mother. Additionally, father stated the child has "disowned grandma (maternal grandmother). Father stated maternal grandmother is coercing her to write letters to help mother in court. Father stated the child cries regularly due to mother's behavior and actions.

Father acknowledged there is a no negative contact order and asserted he has abided by all court orders. Father stated the restraining order was issued because of name calling and denied any history of physical violence. Father stated mother does not follow court orders and refuses him contact during summer and vacations and always controls the situation. Father described mother as a "narcissist," and "gaslights, manipulates." Father expressed concern about mother's mental health and her behaviors.

Father is proposing mother share visits based on the child's schedule and availability and advised he does not have specific days or times. Father denied discussing the court business with the child, however, stated he does not lie to Addison and tells her the truth. Father advised the child has written letters and drawings about how she feels. Father was advised to file documentation for the court to review. Father denied coercing the child and repeated he believes mother is. Additionally, father reports the child has "cut off" mother and only refers to her by first name, "Rebecca." Father reports the child is requesting overnight contact, however,

mother refuses to accommodate the child's request. When asked about participating in co-parenting interventions, father responded, "Would you co-parent with the devil?"

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insight and education from the therapist regarding their actions and comments and the impact to the child.

Both parents appear vested in the child's best interest and expressed concern about the child's mental health due to the co-parent's behaviors and actions. Additionally, both parents alleged a mental health diagnosis or mental health concern with the co-parent. Given the active restraining order, competing allegations of emotional duress to the child, and mental health allegations against the co-parent, it is recommended the parents participate in a limited focus 730 evaluation. It is believed a limited focus 730 evaluation will explore the allegations presented by both parents, including parent's mental health allegations, coercion and questioning of the child by the parents, and the child's mental health. It is noted a 730 evaluation is a comprehensive assessment that will evaluate the presented mental health concerns. Thus, pending the outcome of a 730 evaluation it is recommended all orders remain in effect.

Additionally, it is recommended the parents participate in Solutions for Families, Part A, *Child Centered Co-parenting.*

The following recommendations are respectfully submitted for the court's consideration.

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cc: Parties, Attorney(s)

Attachments: Recommendations and/or Agreement

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Recommendations:

1. Legal custody is respectfully deferred to the court.
2. The father shall share unsupervised visits as follows:
   a. On alternating Fridays from 2pm to 6pm.
   b. On alternating Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Each of those Friday and Saturday visits shall occur on the same weekend.
   c. On every Monday and Thursday from 2pm to 6pm.
3. The parents shall participate in a Solutions for Families, Part A, by 1/26/2024.
4. A (730) Child Custody Evaluation shall be completed by a licensed mental health professional agreed upon by both parents or selected by the court. A copy of the [illegible] and FCS.
5. All orders not hereby modified shall remain in full force and effect.
6. Minor child shall not be left alone w/ Mr. Joe Borrell -

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Agreement:

1. The child shall participate in therapy with a licensed therapist or agency for a minimum of 12 sessions or 6 months or until deemed clinically appropriate. The parents shall participate in therapy at the discretion of the therapist.