

PETITION FOR PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING

Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 16.1-282.1

Court Case No.:

Agency Case No.:

..... Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

In re:

NAME OF CHILD

Male

Female

AGE (YEARS/MONTHS)

DATE OF BIRTH

who was placed in the custody of or through an agreement with the

..... on

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE CHILD-PLACING AGENCY

DATE

I, the undersigned Petitioner, state under oath to the best of my knowledge and belief that the following are true:

1. The above-named child is now subject to a permanency planning hearing pursuant to Virginia Code § 16.1-282.1 because:

(a) the child

i. was the subject of a foster care plan filed in this court pursuant to Virginia Code § 16.1-281, has not previously been the subject of a permanency planning hearing at which the court approved a permanent plan goal, and

ii. has not been returned to his/her prior family, placed in an adoptive home, in permanent foster care or in another planned permanent living arrangement, or provided with services to achieve independent living status in accordance with the provisions of Virginia Code § 16.1-282.1 A.

OR

(b) the child was the subject of a hearing at which the Court made a determination that reasonable efforts to reunite the child with parents are not required, in accordance with the provisions of Virginia Code § 16.1-281 B.

OR

(c) the child was the subject of a permanency planning hearing pursuant to Virginia Code § 16.1-282.1 at which the Court approved an interim plan for the child.

2. A new foster care plan for review at this permanency planning hearing is attached hereto and incorporated herein;

AND

(a) the new foster care plan changes the permanent goal of the child to one of the following placement alternatives:

transfer custody of child to his/her prior family, namely

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NAME

transfer custody of the child to a relative other than the child's prior family or dissolve the board's or public agency's placement agreement and return the child to his prior family, namely

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NAME

approve adoption as the permanent plan for the child, and, upon separate petitions filed to be filed, terminate residual parental rights pursuant to Virginia Code § 16.1-283.

provide the child with services to achieve independent living status, the child having attained age 16 years.

place child in permanent foster care. A permanent foster care agreement is appended.

place the child in another planned permanent living arrangement.

OR

(b) The local department of social services or other child-placing agency has thoroughly investigated the feasibility of all other alternatives listed in Virginia Code § 16.1-282.1 A (i) - (v) and alleges that none of these alternatives is in the best interest of the child and, therefore, petitions the court for the following relief:

continue custody with the board or agency or placement with the board or public agency through a parental agreement; or

transfer custody to the board or child welfare agency from the parents or guardian of a child who has been in foster care through an agreement where the parents or guardian retained legal custody.

