

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of SELANA LARA LOPEZ, Minor.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

FALISHA TAYLOR,

Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED

December 14, 2006

No. 270891

Ingham Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 00-365444-NA

Before: Murphy, P.J., and Smolenski and Kelly, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (l), and (m). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that § 19b(3)(l) was established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450-451; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). Indeed, respondent admits that the evidence showed that her parental rights to three other children had been terminated following the institution of neglect proceedings under § 2(b). Only one ground for termination need be established. MCL 712A.19b(3). Contrary to respondent's argument, the court more than adequately stated its findings of fact and conclusions of law in support of termination. MCL 712A.19b(1).

Respondent's reliance on *In re AMAC*, 269 Mich App 533; 711 NW2d 426 (2006), is misplaced. In that case, the trial court failed to hold a separate dispositional hearing or make findings regarding the child's best interests. In this case, the trial court held a separate dispositional hearing immediately after the conclusion of the adjudicative hearing and no new evidence was offered. Unlike the respondent in *In re AMAC*, respondent here had the opportunity to present evidence against termination, but chose not to take advantage of it by absenting herself from the proceedings.

Further, the evidence did not clearly show that termination of respondent's parental rights was not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 354, 356-

357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Therefore, the trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ William B. Murphy
/s/ Michael R. Smolenski
/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly