

6-Month Final Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Reports submitted to the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) that do not include all of the required information will be returned to the agency for proper completion. Do not identify individuals by name when completing this report. Individuals may be referenced by relationship or position; e.g., mother, father, child, sibling, physician, detective, etc.

Case Tracking Number: 190201DSP-SAUK-901 **Agency:** Sauk County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 9 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 02/01/2019

Description of the incident, including the suspected cause of death, injury or egregious abuse or neglect:

On February 4, 2019, the agency received a report regarding a 9-year-old child brought to the hospital with multiple injuries allegedly sustained on February 1, 2019. Medical personnel determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the child's father and the father's girlfriend were arrested and criminally charged with Child Abuse – Intentionally Cause Harm. A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Findings by agency, including maltreatment determination and material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by his father and the father's girlfriend. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The child and his sister were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in a non-relative foster home. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The child's father and father's girlfriend

Child's residence at the time of incident: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Complete the appropriate following section (A. or B. based on the child's residence at the time of the incident).

A. Children residing at home at the time of the incident:

Description of the child's family (includes household members, noncustodial parent and other children that have visitation with the child and / or in the child's family home):

At the time of the incident, the child resided with his father, his father's girlfriend, and his 6-year-old sister. The children did not have contact with their biological mother.

Yes No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, any member of the child's family or alleged maltreater at the time of the incident, including any referrals received by the agency or reports being investigated at time of incident?

If "Yes", briefly describe the type of services, date(s) of last contact between agency and recipient(s) of those services, and the person(s) receiving those services:

N/A

Summary of all involvement in services as adults under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years: (Does not include the current incident.)

On October 11, 2018, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse and neglect to the child and his now 6-year-old sister by the child's mother and sexual abuse to the child's now 6-year-old sister by her step-sibling. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On January 11, 2018, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the child by his mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On August 25, 2017, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by his father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On July 30, 2017, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child and his now 6-year-old sister by the child's father and the father's girlfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On March 17, 2017, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child and his now 6-year-old sister and his now adult step-sister by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On July 31, 2014, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child, his now 6-year-old sister, his now two adult step-sisters by the child's mother and father, and physical abuse to the child, his now 6-year-old sister, his now two adult step-sisters by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse to the children by the mother were substantiated. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed on August 5, 2014 and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

Summary of actions taken by the agency under ch. 48, including any investigation of a report or referrals to services involving the child, any member of the child's family living in this household and the child's parents and alleged maltreater. (Does not include the current incident.)

(Note: Screened out reports listed in this section may include only the date of the report, screening decision, and if a referral to services occurred at Access. Reports that do not constitute a reasonable suspicion of maltreatment or a reason to believe that the child is threatened with harm are not required to be screened in for an Initial Assessment, and no further action is required by the agency.)

On November 4, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 1, 2018, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child's family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 and any services provided to the child and child's family since the date of the incident:

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by his father and the father's girlfriend. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The child and his sister were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in a non-relative foster home. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

B. Children residing in out-of-home care (OHC) placement at time of incident:

Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there:

N/A

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

N/A

Licensing history: Including type of license, duration of license, summary of any violations by licensee or an employee of licensee or other actions that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child.

N/A

Summary of any actions taken by agency in response to the incident: (Check all that apply.)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening of Access report | <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted or successful reunification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiated efforts to address or enhance community |

Ongoing Services case management

collaboration on CA/N cases

Other (describe):

FOR DSP COMPLETION IF RECORD OR ON-SITE REVIEW WAS UNDERTAKEN:

Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified based on the record or on-site review of the incident:

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) completes an initial review of the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case 190201DSP-SAUK-901. As a result of this review process, the DSP did not determine policy or practice changes were needed.

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review:

None

Yes No Not Applicable This 6-Month summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.