

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: 191228DSP-MILW-973 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 1 year Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 12/28/19

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

On December 28, 2019 the agency received a report regarding a 1-year-old infant pronounced deceased in her home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death to be accidental. No criminal charges were filed and the case was closed.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect to the infant by the infant's father and to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death to be accidental. The infant's sibling and half-siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. The infant's father's significant other's children, who had resided in the same household as the infant, were also deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed for all of the children who were deemed unsafe, and the cases remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom?

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 infant resided with her father, 2-year-old brother, 8-month-old half-sister, 4-year-old half-brother, the father's significant other, the father's significant other's grandmother, the father's significant other's 6-year-old child and 9-year-old child, and a non-relative adult.

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:

At the time of the incident, the infant and her 2-year-old brother were under an October 3, 2019 Temporary Physical Custody Order and a Petition for Protection and Services was filed and pending with the Court. The agency was also assessing a December 23, 2019 CPS Report. The last contact by the agency was a home visit with the father, the infant and the infant's brother on December 23, 2019.

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.)

The following history is related to the infant's father who was residing in the home at the time of the incident:

On December 23, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant by the infant's father. The infant died during the assessment period and an additional report was made to the agency regarding the infant's death on December 28, 2019. An assessment of the allegations was completed by the agency. The December 23, 2019 initial allegation of physical abuse to the infant by her father was unsubstantiated.

On July 2, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the infant's now 4-year-old half-brother by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

The following history is related to the infant's mother:

On July 1, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

The following history is related to the infant's mother and father:

On September 16, 2019, the agency screened-in two CPS Reports alleging physical abuse to the infant by the infant's mother and physical abuse to the infant, the infant's now 8-month-old half-sister, the infant's now 4-year-old half-brother and the infant's father's significant other's now 6-year-old child by the infant's father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse by the infant's mother and father were unsubstantiated; the allegation of physical abuse by an unknown maltreater was substantiated. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed on October 3, 2019 and the case remains 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.)

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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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect to the infant by the infant's father and to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death to be accidental. The infant's sibling and half-siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. The infant's father's significant other's children, who had resided in the same household as the infant, were also deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed for all of the children who were deemed unsafe, and the cases 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Services case management | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 #191228DSP-MILW-973. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency had implemented efforts to improve the consistency and quality of safety practices, including enhancing skills around assessment with families.

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.