

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: 211203DSP-Vilas-1110 **Agency:** Vilas County Department of Social Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 6 years Gender: Female Male

American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native

Race or Ethnicity: American

Special Needs: Child had complex health needs.

Date of Incident: 12/03/21

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

On December 3, 2021, the agency received a report regarding a 6-year-old child pronounced deceased in his home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The preliminary autopsy results determined the death to be due to an undiagnosed medical condition. No criminal charges have been filed in this case, and the investigation remains open.

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 maltreatment of neglect to the child by his mother and her partner. The preliminary autopsy results determined the death to be due to an undiagnosed medical condition. The agency deemed the child’s siblings unsafe, and the children were taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed with a relative. Subsequently, the siblings returned home to their mother and father. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed, and the case remained open with Indian Child Welfare 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 child resided with his mother, his mother’s partner, his 12-year-old half-sister, his 10-year-old half-brother, his 8-year-old half-brother, and his 1-year-old half-sister. The child’s biological father did not have visitation.

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.)

None

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 December 1, 2021, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On November 11, 2021, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On November 9, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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On March 4, 2020, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On November 16, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child, his now 12-year-old half-sister, his now 10-year-old half-brother, and his now 8-year-old half-brother by his mother and the sibling's father. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The agency provided the family with a referral for community services, and the case was closed.

On June 6, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child, his now 12-year-old half-sister, his now 10-year-old half-brother, and his now 8-year-old half-brother by his mother and the sibling's father. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On March 25, 2015, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On March 25, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the child by his mother and her partner. The preliminary autopsy results determined the death to be due to an undiagnosed medical condition. The agency deemed the child's siblings unsafe, and the children were taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed with a relative. Subsequently the siblings returned home to their mother and father. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed, and the case remained open with Indian Child Welfare 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 a 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attempted or successful reunification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance |

- Safety plan implemented
- Temporary physical custody of child
- Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Collaboration with law enforcement
- Collaboration with medical professionals
- Supervised visitation
- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- Other (describe): Case remains open with ICW and closed to VCDSS

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 #211203DSP-Vilas-1110. 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.