

90-Day Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 101002DSP-PN-53 Agency: Trempealeau County Dept. of Human Services

Child Information: Age: 2 ½ months Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: None prior to incident

Child's Residence: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Date of Incident: 10/2/10

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

On October 2, 2010 the agency received a report that the infant was being flown to Mayo Clinic. The child was taken to the local hospital by his mother because he was "twitching," possibly due to a seizure. On October 4, the agency received a report that the child has a blood clot on his brain, broken ribs and a red mark by his eye. Physicians determined the child's injuries nonaccidental, occurring on at least two separate occasions. The child was staying with his father and returned to his mother's home on October 2 where twitching in his head, arm and leg were observed. The parents reported that they do not know what happened to him. Law enforcement continues to investigate the incident.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The child and his siblings were determined to be unsafe in their parents' care. Neither parent can provide an explanation for any of the injuries or about any events occurring prior to the injuries. The medical diagnosis is acute and chronic left subdural hematoma and presumed nonaccidental trauma.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The parents of the infant were living separately from each other, alternating care of child and his siblings. The father had a relative residing in his home while he had care of the children. The mother was temporarily residing at a friend's home. The mother's child from an earlier relationship has visits with the family.

Yes No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, 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:

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 at the age of 18 years or older:

In 2007 and 2008, two reports (i.e., one report each year) were received and screened out on the mother's family at that time. In 2010, the agency screened in and investigated a report on the mother's child living in a different household. Maltreatment was unsubstantiated, and the child was determined safe in the care of the biological father. No services were provided to either family/household at that time.

Summary of any investigation conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the family since the date of the incident:

The agency conducted a joint investigation with the law enforcement. This agency substantiated physical abuse of the child by an unknown maltreater, and the child and his siblings were determined unsafe in the care of their parents. The child suffered multiple injuries in different stages of healing, indicating more than one incident of maltreatment. The child had several different caregivers during the time frame identified by medical professionals as to when the injuries occurred. No

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Caregiver is admitting to the injuries or acknowledging any explanation as to who may have harmed the child. The agency initiated a Child in Need of Protection and Services (CHIPS) petition, and the child and siblings are placed together in foster care. Ongoing services are being provided to the parents from the agency. The child has been referred to services.

Additional information for children in out-of-home (OHC) placement at time of incident:

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

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

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

*** Summary of actions taken by agency in response to the incident:**

The agency screened in and investigated a report of injuries to the infant, substantiating physical abuse by an unknown maltreater. The agency immediately implemented a protective plan that required all visits with the child in the hospital be supervised. The child's siblings were immediately removed from the home, and the agency required supervised contact between the parents and siblings. The initial assessment on the family determined the children to be unsafe in their parents' care. The children were initially placed with a relative. The relative requested a change in placement, and the agency placed the siblings together in foster care. A CHIPS petition has been filed. The family will be involved with Ongoing CPS services from the agency and other service providers.

***Summary of policy or practice changes to address identified issues:**

None

***Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:**

None

Statement of Completion:

Yes No This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

* If a full report including agency actions, changes in policies or practices and recommendations for further changes was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.