

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

Case Tracking

Number: 110617DSP-Barron-118 Agency: Barron County Dept. of Health and Human Services

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

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

Date of Incident: 6/17/11

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

The baby was taken to the local hospital after his father found him between the mattress and nightstand. The child was not breathing, and bloody saliva foam was coming from his mouth. The child was airlifted to Marshfield Hospital, where medical examinations and tests determined that child did not have any injuries. He was pronounced brain dead and died on 6/20/11. The father believes that the baby rolled off the bed. There was no medical evidence or other indications that the baby was maltreated. The cause of death is undetermined.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency unsubstantiated physical abuse to the child. His two siblings were determined safe in the care of their parents. The father was home alone providing care for the child. When the child fell asleep, he placed him on his stomach in the parents' bed. When he checked on the child, he found him between the nightstand and mattress. He attempted to contact relatives, called 911 and then attempted CPR.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The baby lived with his parents and two siblings.

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:

None

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:

None

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 unsubstantiated physical abuse to the child, and his siblings were determined safe in their parents' care. There is no explanation for how the baby moved from the bed to between the mattress and nightstand. The cause of death is undetermined, but it was determined that the baby suffered no injuries or trauma. The family was offered voluntary services but declined, choosing to use their family, church and grievance counseling for support. The case with the agency was closed following the initial assessment.

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 the baby's death, collaborating with law enforcement during the initial assessment. Physical abuse to the baby was unsubstantiated. While conducting the assessment, the agency implemented a safety plan for the siblings, allowing them to remain at home with their parents. The siblings were determined safe in their parents' care at the end of the assessment. The family was offered voluntary services from the agency, which they declined. The case with the agency was closed.

***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.