

## 90-Day 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:** 130419DSP-Milw-314      **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 6 Months      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Incident:** April 19, 2013

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

On April 19, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a six-month-old male infant found deceased in his home. The infant's alleged father stated the infant and his six-month-old sister were placed on a queen sized bed with a pillow between them the prior evening. The parents stated the next morning they woke to find the infant unresponsive. The parents discovered him lying face down on the bed underneath his infant sister. The alleged father began CPR while the mother called 911. Paramedics and law enforcement responded but the infant could not be revived and was pronounced dead at the home. At the time of the incident, the residence was observed to be so unsanitary and hazardous it was condemned by housing officials. Law enforcement officers found a loaded gun inside a couch at the home as well as suspected drug paraphernalia. Upon examination by medical professionals, the six-month-old sister was found to have a compression fracture to her lumbar vertebrae, which is concerning for physical abuse. Medical personnel advised the injury was likely caused by someone slamming the infant's sister down in a sitting position or shaking her violently. The six-month-old sister was admitted to the hospital due to further concerns for failure to thrive. When the parents were questioned, they were unable to explain how the infant's sister sustained the fractured vertebrae.

The mother and the alleged father were both criminally charged with two felony counts of Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Great Bodily Harm). The mother and the alleged father were both found guilty of one count of Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Great Bodily Harm).

**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 substantiated neglect to the deceased infant, his infant sister, and the six older half-siblings by the mother and her boyfriend. The mother and boyfriend failed to adequately provide for the children's needs and were residing in hazardous and unsanitary conditions. In addition, physical abuse to the infant's six-month-old sister was substantiated by an unknown maltreater. The infant's sister sustained injuries highly concerning for physical abuse; however, the agency was unable to determine who caused the injuries. The agency determined the deceased infant's seven siblings unsafe and placed them in out-of-home care.

Yes  No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes  No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The mother and the alleged father.

**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 lived with his mother, his alleged father, his six-month-old sister, nine-year-old half-brother, six-year-old half-sister, five-year-old half-sister, five-year-old half-brother, three-year-old half-sister, and two-year-old half-brother.

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.)

N/A

**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 12/18/2007, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the three-month-old (now five-year-old) older siblings by the mother. The assigned worker attempted to assess the allegations, but was unable to locate the family and the agency closed the case.

On 3/03/2008, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging medical neglect to the five-month-old (now five-year-old) older siblings by the mother. The assigned worker attempted to assess the allegations, but was unable to locate the family and the agency closed the case.

On 6/19/2008, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging medical neglect to the eight-month-old (now five-year-old) older siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed and neglect was unsubstantiated as the parents were meeting the children’s medical needs.

On 12/07/2009, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the six-year-old (now nine-year-old), three-year-old (now six-year-old), and one-year-old (now five-year-old) by the mother. The six-year-old was interviewed at school, but the assigned worker was unable to locate remaining family members. The six-year-old did not show evidence of maltreatment or disclose any abuse. The agency was unable to complete a full assessment so the allegation finding was “Unable to Locate Source.”

On 7/16/2010, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the six-year-old (now nine-year-old) and two-year-old (now five-year-old) by the mother. The report also alleged neglect to the five oldest children by the mother. An assessment was completed and the allegations were unsubstantiated. There were no additional service needs identified and the agency closed the case.

On 1/16/13, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging medical neglect to the infant, then age three months, and his three-month-old sister by the mother and father. An assessment was completed and neglect was unsubstantiated. There were concerns for the children’s special needs and Intensive In-Home Services were offered, but the parents declined and the agency closed the case.

On 3/13/2013, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the five-month-old infant and his five-month-old sister by the parents. An assessment was completed, neglect was unsubstantiated, and the agency closed the case.

**Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child’s family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the child and child’s family since the date of the incident:**

The agency screened in and assessed the allegation of neglect to the infant related to his death by the mother and her boyfriend. The Initial assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiated neglect to the deceased infant, his infant sister, and the six older half-siblings by the mother and her boyfriend. The mother and her boyfriend failed to adequately provide for the children’s needs and were residing in deplorable conditions. Physical abuse to the infant’s five-month-old sister was substantiated by an unknown maltreater. The five-month-old sister sustained injuries highly concerning for physical abuse; however, the agency was unable to determine who caused the injuries. The agency determined the deceased infant’s seven siblings unsafe and placed them in out-of-home care. The agency filed Child in Need of Protection or Services petitions in juvenile court and is providing ongoing case management services to the family. The agency received three additional CPS reports on April 20, April 21, and May 17, 2013, which were screened out.

**B. Children residing in out-of-home (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 that constitutes 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 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):   |

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**Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified during the review of the incident:**

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981 (7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes a 90-Day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the act. The DSP did not identify practice issues during the review of the incident.

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

N/A

- Yes  No  Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

If the case review was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.

This 90-Day Summary Report was previously delayed. DSP did determine that releasing the summary report would jeopardize an ongoing criminal/civil investigation/proceeding, and delayed posting as provided under Wis. Stat. § 48.981(7)(cr)7.