DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Division of Safety and Permanence

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

REVIEW DESIGNATION CORRECTED- 2/16/15

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: 130420DSP-Milw-319 **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)
Age: 5 months Gender: ☐Female ☒Male
Race or Ethnicity: African American
Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: April 20, 2013

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

On April 20, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a five-month-old infant admitted to the hospital due to suspected neglect. The mother brought the infant to the emergency room reporting a three-day history of cough, congestion, and trouble breathing. She also indicated the infant was born drug-affected. The infant displayed a fever and breathing difficulty during the emergency room visit. A chest x-ray showed the infant's left lung was collapsed so a chest tube was immediately placed for drainage. The infant was noted to be very thin appearing with severe eczema. Pediatric records showed the infant had only two visits with his primary physician, first when the infant was nine days old then again on the date of his hospital admission. The mother admitted she feeds the infant whole milk and table food, despite medical professionals directing against this numerous times. Hospital staff diagnosed the infant with pneumonia, MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus), RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) and failure to thrive. Due to the infant's condition, he was admitted to Pediatric Intensive Care for critical care services and monitoring.

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

The agency collaborated with medical personnel and other collaterals to complete the assessment. Neglect to the infant by the mother was substantiated. Neglect was also substantiated to the infant's five older half-siblings by the mother. Upon making contact with the family at home, the agency found the children residing in hazardous and unsanitary conditions. The home's electricity was turned off and there was no food in the residence. There were no infant supplies or clothing observed and no safe bed for the infant. The agency determined the children 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.

☐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 lived with the mother, the infant's 11-year-old half-brother, and the infant's four half-sisters, ages 10, six, four and two years.

☐ **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 August 8, 2007, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's three oldest half-siblings who were age one, three and five years at the time. The agency attempted to assess the allegations but was unable to locate the family and the case was closed.

On June 29, 2009, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's four oldest half-siblings who were ages four months, three years, five years and seven years at the time. The agency completed an assessment and found the children's needs were being met. Neglect was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On April 27, 2012, the agency screened out a CPS Report.

On November 14, 2012, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the newborn infant by the mother. The agency completed an assessment and found the mother was not endangering the health of her child. 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 serious medical condition and malnourished status. Neglect to the infant and to the infant's five older siblings was substantiated by the mother. The mother was not meeting the children's basic needs and they were living in hazardous and unsanitary conditions. The agency determined all six children 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.

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.)

- ☒ Screening of Access report
- ☒ Protective plan implemented
- ☒ Initial assessment conducted
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Attempted or successful reunification
- ☒ Referral to services
- ☒ Transportation assistance
- ☐ 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):

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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. In accordance with the DCF memo Series 2010-13, dated December 7, 2010 pertaining to the Child Welfare Case Review Protocol, the Bureau of Performance Management (BPM) will complete a records

review of case 130420DSP -Milw-319.

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:
None at this time.

☐ 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.