

6-Month Final Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 100312DSP-PN-8 Agency: Dane Co. Dept. of Human Services

Child Information: Age: 4 1/2 months Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: Premature birth

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

Date of Incident: 3/12/10

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

The child's parents called Emergency Medical Services (EMS) due to the child being unresponsive. The father performed CPR until EMS arrived, but the child was pronounced dead on the way to the hospital. Preliminary autopsy results showed that there were "child abuse issues" but there was no conclusive cause of death. It was reported to Dane County Dept. of Human Services that the child had several fractured ribs, a fractured arm (all of unknown age) and a "new" fracture to the area above the child's mouth and below the nose.

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

See the 90-Day Summary Report (100312DSP-PN-90D) for all actions taken by the agency in response to the report of the child's death. Since that report, the agency closed the case on 6/10/10 after determining that the children were safe in their father's care.

Summary of policy or practice changes to address identified issues:

No other policy or practice changes since the 90-day review.

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

None

Additional Information:

On September 13, 2010, the DSP learned that an autopsy on the child found she had a torn frenulum in her mouth and a fractured arm. She also had fractured ribs, which may or may not have occurred when she was administered CPR. Reportedly, the autopsy found that the child's death was not the result of maltreatment. At this time, there are no criminal charges being filed in connection with the child's death. The agency is investigating the information regarding the child's confirmed injuries and alleged maltreatment of the child prior to her death.