

6-Month Final 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: 110228DSP-Milw-202 Agency: Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Asian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 1/28/11

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

On 1/28/11, the agency received a report regarding an infant who had been admitted to the hospital with suspicious injuries. The medical examination showed the baby was experiencing chronic subdural hemorrhage as well as acute subdural bleeding. He also had extensive retinal hemorrhages to his right eye and suffered multiple seizures due to his brain injuries, in addition to a healing fracture of his left tibia. The parents reported that the baby's 7-year-old half brother had dropped the baby while holding him. Medical professionals stated, however, that the baby's injuries were not likely the result of such a fall, but rather were consistent with non-accidental trauma. The father recently admitted to causing the baby's injuries. He was arrested and charged with 2 counts of Child Abuse – Intentionally Cause Great Bodily Harm and was found guilty.

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

The agency screened in and assessed the allegation of physical abuse to the 2-month-old child. The agency substantiated physical abuse to the infant. While in the parent's care, the baby suffered trauma consistent with child abuse which neither parent could explain. Additionally, the agency received a report stating the 7-year-old had diagnoses of bronchiectasis and asthma that required multiple medical appointments and at home care, which the parents were not following through with. The agency screened in, assessed, and unsubstantiated the allegation of neglect by the parents to the 7-year-old. While the child's diagnoses of bronchiectasis and asthma pose a risk to him, it is unclear whether the parents' lack of follow through on his medical care seriously endangered his physical health. Due to the serious nature of the baby's injuries and uncertainty of the maltreater, both children were taken into temporary physical custody and placed in out-home-care.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? 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):

The infant lived with his mother, father and 7-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.)

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. (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.)

A referral was received on 12/21/10 alleging physical abuse to the 7-year-old. An assessment was conducted and physical abuse was unsubstantiated.

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 physical abuse the 2-month-old, as well as an allegation of neglect regarding the 7-year-old. The agency substantiated physical abuse to the baby by an unknown maltreater and unsubstantiated neglect to the 7-year-old. Both children were taken into custody and a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed in juvenile court. The children are currently in out-of-home care and the family continues to receive ongoing case management services.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input 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.), 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) completed a record review in case # 110228DSP-Milw-202. The review found the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) was compliant with CPS Access and Initial Assessment standards for the Access report under review. BMCW was not in compliance with Initial Assessment Standards associated with information gathering related to lack of collateral contacts.

The BMCW Quality Assurance Plan focuses on timeliness and quality of information collection, analysis, and decision making from the point of access through initial assessment completion. This plan, its strategies, and the quality review results are discussed monthly at agency executive management meetings. In addition, BMCW provided training for all staff regarding gathering sufficient information for an Initial Assessment and placed reminder poster of expectations related to collateral contacts throughout BMCW offices.

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

None

Yes No Not Applicable This 6-month 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.

The agency must submit an electronic copy of the completed 90-Day Summary Report to Tara.Muender@wisconsin.gov