

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: 120706DSP-Milw-218 Agency: Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 6 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Asian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 7/6/12

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

On 7/10/12, the agency received a report regarding a 6-year-old child who was found deceased in the family's swimming pool on 7/6/12. Both parents were inside the home at the time of the incident. The father reportedly asked his 16-year-old daughter to supervise the 6-year-old. The parents were unaware that the 16-year-old did not remain outside to supervise the 6-year-old while he was in the pool. A short time later, the father found the 6-year-old face down in the pool. Law enforcement ruled the drowning as accidental and no charges will be filed in this case.

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

The agency screened in and assessed the allegation of neglect to the 6-year-old. Neglect to the child was substantiated. The agency determined that the parents failed to ensure the child was properly supervised while swimming, which resulted in his death. The father expected that the 16-year-old would provide adequate supervision but his expectations were not clearly communicated and resulted in a lapse in supervision to the 6-year-old. The case was already open for in-home services with the agency at the time of the child's death. The case remains open and the family continues to receive Intensive In-Home Services to address supervision issues.

- 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):

The child lived with his mother, father, 18-year-old half-sister, 17-year-old half-brother, 16-year-old half-sister, 14-year-old half-brother, 10-year-old half-sister, 4-year-old sister, 3-year-old sister, and 1-year-old sister.

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:

The family was receiving Intensive In-Home Services at the time of the incident. A face-to-face visit occurred with the family on 7/3/12.

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.)

On 4/2/12, the agency received a report alleging neglect by the parents to the 16-year-old daughter and 14-year-old son. The agency screened in the report for assessment and unsubstantiated the allegation of neglect. The case was referred to Intensive In-Home Services to assist the parents in properly addressing the mental and emotional health needs of their children.

On 3/6/11, the agency received a report alleging neglect to the 2-year-old (now 4-year-old). They agency screened in the report for assessment and unsubstantiated the allegation of neglect. The case was referred to Intensive In-Home Services to address issues of supervision. The family worked with Safety Services from March 2011 through June 2011. The family successfully met their goals and the case was closed.

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 11/15/07, the agency received a report alleging physical abuse to the 9-year-old (now 14-year-old). The agency screened in the report for assessment and unsubstantiated the allegation of physical abuse. The case was closed at the conclusion of the assessment.

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 child. The allegation of neglect was substantiated. The agency determined the parents failed to ensure the child was properly supervised while swimming, which resulted in his death. The case remains open and the family continues to receive Intensive In-Home Services to assist them in appropriately meeting their children's needs.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input 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 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 # 120706DSP-Milw-218. The review found the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) was not in compliance with CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards in the areas of information gathering and determination of response time at Access, and information gathering and safety planning in Initial Assessment. The Ongoing Services Agency was not in compliance with Safety Intervention Standards related to implementation of the safety plan upon initiation of ongoing services and ongoing evaluation of the

effectiveness of the safety plan.

BMCW revised its Quality Assurance Plan. A focus of the plan is to ensure the 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. BMCW also reviewed and made revisions to the Intensive-In-Home Program that included procedural and evaluation changes that address findings related to Safety Intervention Standards. The Ongoing Services Agency updated policy and procedures associated with findings in the area of Safety Intervention Standards. The Ongoing Services Agency also continues to monitor performance in the Intensive-In-Home Services program through monthly Quality Assurance reviews, attending to practice areas of Safety Intervention Standards.

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 RobertB.Williams@wisconsin.gov