

## 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:** 120711DSP-Keno-221      **Agency:** Kenosha County Department of Human Services

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

Age: 2 months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: Hispanic

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 7/11/12

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

On 7/11/12, the agency received a report stating a 2-month-old infant had been declared dead by emergency medical staff after being discovered by her mother in the family home. The mother and infant were residing in the basement of the mother's maternal grandmother's home. The mother reported that during the night, she brought the infant into bed with her and fell asleep with the infant next to her. The mother woke up the next morning with her back to the infant and found the infant unresponsive. Law enforcement and emergency medical technicians were contacted and responded to the home. Law enforcement observed that the infant had blood on her mouth and the mother had a bloodstain on her shirt. The mother did admit to using a controlled substance without a prescription during the night and provided law enforcement with a sample of her blood. The results of the blood test are pending and the cause of death of the infant has not been determined. No criminal 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 an allegation of neglect to the infant by her mother. The agency collaborated with law enforcement to complete the assessment and substantiated neglect to the infant by her mother. The mother admitted to using a controlled substance without a prescription the night before while acting as the sole caregiver to the infant. Based on the description of events, it is believed that the mother rolled over in her sleep, laying on top of the infant, which resulted in the infant's death.

The mother has three other children who were previously placed under guardianship orders with relatives. There are no children in the mother's care and the agency has closed the case.

- 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 infant lived with her mother in the home of the mother's maternal grandmother. Also living in the home were the mother's two adult cousins and the 4-year-old daughter of one of the cousins.

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.)

On 7/29/08, the agency screened out a Services Report regarding an incident of domestic violence between the mother and her then boyfriend in the presence of her children. A referral was made to community services.

On 9/30/08, the agency screened in a Services Report regarding one of the mother's children being observed outside the family home after a relative caregiver fell asleep. The agency offered community services to the family.

On 2/2/09, the agency screened in a report regarding the condition of the mother's home and a lack of food. Neglect was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 3/4/09, the agency screened in a report regarding burns to her son's foot and fingers. Neglect was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 8/7/09, the agency screened in a report alleging neglect by the mother as she was leaving her children with relative caregivers for lengthy amounts of time. Neglect was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 9/10/09, the agency screened in a report alleging drug use in the presence of the children. Neglect was unsubstantiated. The agency referred the family to a community service and closed the case.

On 1/5/10, the agency screened in a report regarding the mother leaving the children home alone. Neglect was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 2/22/10, the agency screened in a report alleging physical abuse by the mother. Physical abuse was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

In October of 2011, the mother filed a guardianship request with the court to establish a permanent guardianship of her three children with relatives. Guardianship was granted.

On 10/12/11, the agency screened in a report regarding the condition of the legal guardian's home. 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. The agency collaborated with law enforcement to complete the assessment. Neglect of the infant by the mother was substantiated based on the mother's admission that she used a controlled substance while caring for the infant prior to her death. The official cause of death has not been determined. The mother has no children under her care and the agency closed the case.

**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 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 type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals                           |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives   | <input checked="" 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):   |

**FOR DSP COMPLETION ONLY:**

**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 DSP completed an onsite review in case #120711DSP-Keno-221. The review determined: Kenosha County Department of Human Services Access and Initial Assessment practice was in accordance with standards, Chapter 48 requirements, and Kenosha County Department of Human Services internal policies and procedures.

**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.

The agency must submit an electronic copy of the completed 90-Day Summary Report to [RobertB.Williams@wisconsin.gov](mailto:RobertB.Williams@wisconsin.gov)