

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: 121017DSP-Colum-260 **Agency:** Columbia County Dept. of Health and Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 8 weeks Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 10/17/12

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

On 10/17/12, the agency received a report regarding an eight week old infant who was brought into the emergency room with a head injury and bleeding to the brain. The infant was transported to the American Family Children's Hospital and was found to have a subdural hematoma, hemorrhaging in both eyes, one fracture to his right humerus, and two fractures to his left leg (femur and tibia). The fractures were described as buckle fractures, occurring from pressure, and appeared to be between ten to fourteen days old with the head trauma being more recent. Medical personnel believe the infant was injured on two to three occasions based on the injuries. The mother and her significant other were interviewed about the injuries to the infant. They both explained the child's injuries could have happened from an altercation they had a few days prior. They admitted to having an argument when the mother was wearing the infant in a front carrier for a portion of the altercation. They were attempting to hit each other during this time. The significant other admits throwing a cell phone at the mother and striking the infant in the back of the head. They could not explain how the fractures may have occurred. Medical personnel stated the subdural hematoma and the hemorrhaging of the eyes are not consistent with that explanation. No further explanations have been given by either caregiver. Medical personnel suspect the infant was shaken, as the injuries are consistent with that type of trauma. Both the mother and significant other have been criminally charged with Disorderly Conduct and Child Abuse-Recklessly Cause Great Harm and both were found guilty on 9/25/13.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. Physical abuse to the infant by the mother and her significant other was substantiated by the agency. Medical personnel believe the infant was injured on two to three occasions based on the injuries. Medical personnel also believe the injuries are consistent with being shaken. The mother and her significant other were the primary caregivers of the infant. The infant and three children of the significant other were determined to be unsafe. All four children were removed from the home and placed in foster care.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The mother and significant other

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 the mother, the mother's significant other, and the significant other's 4-month-old, 1-year-old and 2-year-old children.

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 7/24/12, the agency screened in a report alleging physical abuse by the significant other to two of her children. Physical abuse was unsubstantiated and the family was referred to community services.

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 the report and the allegations of physical abuse to the infant by the mother and the mother's significant other were substantiated. The infant and the significant other's three children were determined unsafe and were placed in out-of-home care. Child in Need of Protection or Services petitions were filed in juvenile court for all four children. The mother and the mother's significant other are both receiving on-going case management services from the agency.

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:

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

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.

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.), the DSP completes a 90-Day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the Act. The DSP did not identify practice issues during the review of the incident.

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

