

## 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: 121208DSP-Jeff-271 Agency: Jefferson County Human Services Department

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

Age: 1 month Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 12/8/12

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

On 12/8/12, the agency received a report of an infant who presented at the hospital with concerning lesions on his right foot and bilateral lower extremities which appeared to be possible burn injuries. Upon physical examination, the infant was found to have red, fluid-filled bullous lesions present about the bilateral lower extremities below the knee as well as the right foot. The largest lesion was located on the right lower extremity, below the knee, and measured 5.2 cm at its greatest length and 2 cm at its greatest width. There were additional lesions on all five toes on the infant's right foot, the lower half of the infant's right foot and the left, lower extremity. The infant's mother admitted to consuming beer, hard liquor, and marijuana the night before the infant was injured and to providing care for him while significantly impaired at the time he sustained his injuries. Medical personnel believe the burns to the infant's foot and legs were caused by the mother spilling hot liquid (namely formula, prepared by the mother in her impaired state) and the infant's foot being somehow immersed in the liquid while his sock was on. Medical personnel believe the sock held the heat on the area, causing full thickness burns to his foot. During the course of the medical evaluation, it was recommended the infant undergo a head CT to look for evidence of intracranial injury and a skeletal survey to look for evidence of recent or remote bony fractures. The head CT revealed a definite subdural bleed along the medial right tentorium, most likely related to the same event as his burns. The skeletal survey was negative for any evidence of recent or remote bony injury. The mother was charged with criminal charges of endangering the safety of a child and found guilty on 8/7/13.

**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. Neglect to the infant by the mother was substantiated. The mother admitted to consuming beer, hard liquor, and marijuana the night before the child was injured and to providing care for him while significantly impaired. The mother's impaired state placed the infant at great risk of serious bodily injury. Based on the assessment of the mother's general functioning and parenting practices, the infant and his 3-year-old brother were determined safe in the home. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition in juvenile court.

Yes  No Criminal investigation pending or completed?  
 Yes  No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The mother

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 lives with his mother, maternal grandparents, and 3-year-old brother. The infant's father was not in contact with the infant prior to this incident.

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 10/10/07, the agency screened in an allegation of sexual abuse to the mother when she was a minor by a peer maltreater. Sexual abuse by an unknown maltreater was substantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 2/4/09, the agency screened out an allegation of sexual abuse to the mother when she was a minor by a peer maltreater. The agency referred the report to law enforcement.

**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. Neglect to the infant by the mother was substantiated. Based upon the information gathered during the assessment, the infant and the 3-year-old were determined safe in the home. However, the agency determined the egregious nature of the incident warrants continued monitoring and services to ensure the welfare and safety of the children. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed in juvenile court for the infant. Juvenile court action is not being requested regarding the 3-year-old due to a protective plan adopted in the Family Court case brought by the 3-year-old's father, which specifically directs the mother's contact with the 3-year-old be monitored/supervised by family members and that she comply with the conditions ordered in juvenile court for the infant. The family continues to receive on-going 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:**

**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 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 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 checked="" 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 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):   |

**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. 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](mailto:RobertB.Williams@wisconsin.gov)