

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: 121228DSP-Dodge-279 **Agency:** Dodge County Human Services and Health Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 12/28/12

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

On 12/28/12, the agency received a report a regarding 2-month-old, hospitalized with multiple injuries. During a well-child examination, a mass was discovered on the infant's lower right leg. The child was taken to the hospital for further evaluation. The infant was found to have a fractured right tibia and fibula, numerous broken ribs, bucket handle fractures of the left and right femur, subconjunctival hemorrhages to both eyes, and retinal hemorrhage to one eye. The infant also presented with bruising to his shoulder; a large, round bruise on his tailbone; older, yellowish bruising to his right buttock and upper back thighs. The parents denied any knowledge of the injuries to the infant. The parents reported they, along with the infant's great-grandmother, were the only individuals with unsupervised contact of the infant since his birth. The infant's 1½-year-old half-sister by the father was also living in the home 50 percent of the time. The 1½-year-old was evaluated by medical personnel and was found to be free from injury. Law enforcement was contacted to investigate the cause of the injuries to the infant. No criminal charges have been filed in this case.

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 was substantiated by unknown maltreater. Medical personnel determined no explanation existed for an injury to a child in his age group other than child abuse. The infant had a follow-up skeletal survey and was found to have a total of 8 rib fractures in various stages of healing, a broken left hand, and a spiral break on the right tibia. The large bruise to the infant's left buttock and lower back was diagnosed as a Mongolian spot. Both children were determined unsafe and taken into temporary physical custody by the agency. The infant remains in foster care and the 1½-year-old has been returned to her biological mother's care. The agency has 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?

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 1½-year-old half-sister. The 1½-year-old split placement between this household and her biological mother's home.

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.)

The infant's father was involved in a Child in Need of Protection or Services case in April 2011 with the 1½-year-old and her biological mother. The 1½-year-old was placed with the father on an in-home order due to concerns with safety in the biological mother's home. The father was court-ordered to participate with services.

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 2/1/11, the agency screened in a CPS report with allegations of physical abuse to the now 1½-year-old. Physical abuse was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 4/29/11, the agency screened in a CPS report with allegations of neglect to the now 1½-year-old by her biological mother. The agency opened the case for ongoing case management services and the child was placed with the father.

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 allegations of physical abuse to the infant. Physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater was substantiated. Both children were determined unsafe and taken into temporary physical custody by the agency. The infant remains placed in foster care and the 1½-year-old was returned to her biological mother's care. The agency has filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition in juvenile court and the case remains open for 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:

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 checked="" 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. 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 on-site review in case #121228DSP-Dodge-279 and prior reports involving the family. The report found: CPS Reports received in 2012 were appropriately screened in with accordance to Standards.

The Initial Assessments completed in 2012 contained insufficient information in the areas of maltreatment, child functioning, adult functioning, disciplinary approaches, family functioning, and parenting practices. Collateral sources were not utilized for information gathering, the safety assessment was not supported by information within the Initial Assessment, and there was insufficient information gathered regarding Native American heritage as required by statute and standards.

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

DSP will provide technical assistance to the agency.

Yes No Not Applicable This 6-month summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.