

## 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:** 120704DSP-Ocon-329 **Agency:** Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services

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

Age: 5 Gender: ☒ Female ☐ Male

Race or Ethnicity: White, Caucasian

Special Needs: None Reported

**Date of Incident:** 05/14/2013

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

On May 23, 2013, the agency received a report a five year old child was admitted to a hospital for hypothermia, low heart rate and failure to thrive. Medical professionals advised that the child was significantly underweight for her age and the child's father refused to pursue medical treatment as advised by a medical professional. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the father was criminally charged with 2nd Degree Reckless Injury, 2 counts False Imprisonment, 2 counts Causing Mental Harm to Child, Child Abuse-Recklessly Cause Harm, 4 counts Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Great Bodily Harm), 1st Degree Reckless Injury, and 1st-Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety two felony counts of Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Great Bodily Harm). A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

**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. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate the allegations of neglect to the child and the child's biological sister by the father and the step mother. The child was placed with a relative due to her physical condition as a result of the neglect. The sibling and the father's girlfriend's son remained in the home. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition and the case is open for on-going services.

☒ Yes ☐ No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

☒ Yes ☐ No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? Felony charges are pending against the father.

**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):

At the time the incident occurred, the child was residing with her father, the father's girlfriend (who is now the spouse), the child's biological sister, and the father's girlfriend's son. The child's mother had very little contact with the child during the time of the 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:

**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.)

N/A

**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.)

1/8/08 the agency screened in a CPS report alleging sexual abuse to the child by the father. The allegations were unsubstantiated, the children were found to be safe and the case was closed. The family was encouraged to continue counseling.

On 1/26/10 a CPS report was screened-out.

On 3/11/11 a CPS report was screened-out.

On 8/2/11 a CPS report was screened-out.

On 8/19/11 a CPS report was screened-out.

On 11/18/11 a CPS report was screened-out.

On 12/1/11 a CPS report was screened-out.

On 12/8/11 a CPS report was screened-out.

On 12/21/11 a CPS report was screened-out.

On 7/10/12 a report received by the agency regarding current allegation; however this was not documented in the statewide automated child welfare system or assessed by the agency at the direction of the previous CPS Supervisor.

**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 an allegation of neglect to the children in May, 2013. The Initial Assessment completed by the county agency found was a preponderance of evidence to substantiate neglect to the child and her sibling by the father and the step-mother. The child was placed with a maternal aunt due to her physical condition as a result of the neglect.

The agency screened in and assessed the allegation of physical abuse and neglect to the child's sibling regarding an incident that occurred on 7/4/2012 and was reported on 8/20/2013. Physical abuse and neglect to the child's sibling by the child's father and step-mother were substantiated. The father and the step-mother were arrested for multiple felony charges. The father remains incarcerated. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition and the case is open for ongoing 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:**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance                |
| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives   | <input type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency                               |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiated efforts to address or enhance community   |

☒ Ongoing Services case management

collaboration on CA/N cases

☐ Other (describe):

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**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 Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) completes in an initial review the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. The DSP completed an on-site review in case #120101DSP-Ocon-329. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency implemented steps to improve CPS Access screening and safety assessment and decision-making practices.

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

Based on the agency's effort and response to this incident and DSP review, no further statewide policy, practice, or statutory changes are recommended.

☒ 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.