

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: 131001DSP-Milw-394 Agency: Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 10 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None Known

Date of Incident: 10/01/2013

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

On December 21, 2013, the agency received a report regarding an 11-year-old child brought into urgent care. The child reportedly experienced intermittent vomiting, the prior three weeks, missed two menstrual periods, and had a positive pregnancy test. Law enforcement was contacted and a criminal investigation was initiated. The child's treatment foster mother reported having no knowledge of any sexual incidents leading to the child's verified pregnancy. The joint investigation revealed a 16 year old relative of the treatment foster mother occasionally visited the home on weekends, and sexually assaulted the child while the treatment foster mother was sleeping.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals to complete the assessment. Based on information gathered, the Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate the maltreatment of sexual abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. Information gathered by the agency also found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate the maltreatment of neglect to the child by the treatment foster parent. The investigation revealed the treatment foster parent was aware the child required a high level of supervision but failed to provide the necessary supervision to ensure the child's safety. The child was determined unsafe and removed from the treatment foster home and placed in a different foster home. The child was eventually reunified with her biological mother. Due to this incident, the treatment foster parent is no longer eligible for licensure.

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):

N/A

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.)

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.)

N/A

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:

N/A

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:

At the time of the incident, the 11-year-old child was residing in a licensed treatment foster home. The child was originally placed in out-of-home care in February 2012, after she was taken into temporary physical custody due to physical abuse by her mother. The child was initially placed in a general foster home. However, the child’s significant behavioral issues required a higher level of care, so she was placed in treatment foster care in June 2012.

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

The child resided with her treatment foster mother. The treatment foster mother's 16-year-old and 13-year-old grandsons occasionally stayed in the home on weekends.

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.

The foster mother was licensed as a Level 3 Moderate Treatment Foster Home since May 13, 2007, with St. Charles Youth and Family Services. The agency received two prior CPS reports regarding the treatment foster parent.

On July 14, 2008, the agency screened out a CPS report.

On August 15, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect to the child by the treatment foster mother. An assessment was completed, the maltreatment of neglect was unsubstantiated, and the child was determined safe in the treatment foster mother’s care. While the neglect allegation was unsubstantiated, concerns existed related to the level of supervision provided by the treatment foster parent for the child. These concerns were addressed with the foster parent by case management staff as well as by the treatment foster care licensing agency.

Summary of any actions taken by agency in response to the incident: (Check all that apply.)

- Screening of Access report
- Protective plan implemented
- Initial assessment conducted
- Safety plan implemented
- Temporary physical custody of child
- Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Attempted or successful reunification
- Referral to services
- Transportation assistance
- Collaboration with law enforcement
- Collaboration with medical professionals
- Supervised visitation
- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- 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 Bureau of Performance Management (BPM) completed an on-site review in case # 131001DSP-Milw-394. The Ongoing Services agency modified components of their Quality Assurance Plan to ensure compliance with standards related to provision of services as identified by the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths survey. The Ongoing Services Agency also developed a review process to ensure compliance with Safety Intervention Standards related to monitoring children in their out-of-home care placements.

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

None

Yes No Not Applicable

This 6 month final summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.