

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: 140204DSP-Keno-413 **Agency:** Kenosha County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 4 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American, Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: February 4, 2014

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

On February 4, 2014, the agency received a report regarding a four-year-old child brought to the hospital with head injuries. Medical professionals who examined the child suspected head trauma due to the child's presenting symptoms, so the child was transported to another hospital. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's suspicious injuries.

The mother reported the child and her two siblings, ages six-years-old and seven-years-old, were playing in another room while the mother was in her bedroom on the telephone. The mother stated she heard one of her children yell for her, after which she ran into the room where the children were playing and found the four-year-old child lying between the couch and the coffee table. The mother reported the two siblings stated that the child was jumping on the couch when she fell, and hit her head on the coffee table. The mother stated she attempted resuscitation efforts and then drove the child and her siblings to the hospital.

Medical personnel diagnosed the child with Physical Abuse-Abusive Head Trauma. Medical professionals indicated with reasonable medical certainty that the child's head injuries resulted from being shaken or thrown. The criminal investigation is complete and the mother has been found guilty of Child Abuse – Intentionally Cause Great Bodily Harm.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals to complete their assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by her mother. Medical professionals determined the child sustained head injuries and diagnosed the child with Abusive Head Trauma. The child and her two siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. The Child in Need of Protection or Services order remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

- Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?
 Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The child's 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):

At the time of the incident, the child resided with her mother, her six-year-old sister, and her seven-year-old brother.

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:

At the time of the incident, the family was receiving in-home ongoing case management services and the three children were under a Child in Need of Protection or Services order. The last face to face contact by the agency with the family was on January 29, 2014. The last contact by the agency to the mother was an email correspondence on January 30, 2014.

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.)

On September 27, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child's now six-year-old sister and seven-year-old brother by the mother. Although the suspected maltreatment was unsubstantiated a CHIPS petition was filed for services, and provided ongoing case management services. The order was still open at the time of the present incident.

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 February 23, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child's now six-year-old sister and seven-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated.

On September 27, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child's now six-year-old sister and seven-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated.

On January 4, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report of sexual contact between minors in the home. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation was unsubstantiated.

On October 5, 2012, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On June 7, 2013, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 20, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated.

On January 26, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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 collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals to complete their assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by her mother. Medical professionals determined the child sustained head injuries and diagnosed the child with Abusive Head Trauma. The child and her two siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. The Child in Need of Protection or Services order remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

B. Children residing in out-of-home care (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 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 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): |

FOR DSP COMPLETION IF RECORD OR ON-SITE REVIEW WAS UNDERTAKEN:

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. A further practice review has been completed for case #140204DSP-Keno-413. As a result this review process, the DSP determined the agency implemented efforts to improve the consistency and quality of access, investigation, and safety practices, including continued and updated training of CPS staff.

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 policy, practice, or statutory changes are recommended.

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