

## 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:** 140422DSP-Fond-432      **Agency:** Fond Du Lac County Department of Social Services

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

Age: 1 Month      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** April 22, 2014

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

On April 22, 2014, the agency received a report regarding a one-month-old infant pronounced deceased at the hospital. Law Enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation into the infant's unexplained death.

The mother and father reported that they laid the infant down to sleep in her bassinette at 11:30 p.m. and then went outside to drink on their porch. The mother and father then came inside to watch a movie before the father went upstairs to sleep. The mother reported the three older children were asleep on the living room floor. The mother stated she awoke two times in the middle of the night to check on the infant. The mother reported the second time she went to check on the infant, she was not in her bassinette, but instead, she was upstairs with the father in bed. It was reported the five-year-old child awoke in the middle of the night and took her infant sister upstairs to sleep in bed with their father. The mother stated when she went into the upstairs bedroom she picked up the infant and the infant was not breathing. The mother stated she was warm to the touch, but was limp. The mother called her mother (maternal grandmother to the infant) and then 911.

The Medical Examiner's Office report noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. The Medical Examiner's Office stated it appeared to be a SIDS-related death; however, the official cause of the infant's death was undetermined by the Medical Examiner's Office; toxicology results were still pending. No criminal charges were 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. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the infant by the mother or the father. The Medical Examiner's Office completed report noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the child. The agency determined the surviving three children safe and they remained with the mother and the father. The family was referred to community mental health services and the agency closed the case.

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):

At the time of the incident, the infant resided with her mother, her father, her five-year-old sister, her three-year-old sister, and her almost two-year-old sister.

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.)

On June 16, 2008, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with community support referrals.

On June 27, 2008, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the newborn infant (now five-year-old) by the mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On March 17, 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 and any services provided to the child and child's family since the date of the incident:**

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**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 or other actions that constitute 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives                                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Services case management                                             | <input checked="" 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 based on the record or on-site review of the incident:**

Under 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. As part of the 90-Day Summary, an internal review did not identify indicators of the child welfare agency response that require further review. This report completes the DSP actions related to this incident.

**Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review:**

None

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