

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: 140501DSP-Winn-440 **Agency:** Winnebago County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 Weeks Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White, Hispanic/Latino

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: May 01, 2014

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

On May 1, 2014, the agency received a report regarding a three-week-old infant pronounced deceased in her home. Law Enforcement initiated an investigation into the infant's death.

The Medical Examiner's Office report found the infant had a rib fracture with callous formation healing. The agency substantiated physical abuse by an unknown maltreater. No criminal charges were filed and the investigation is closed.

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 physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The two other children in the home at the time of the incident were also medically examined and these children did not have any physical injuries indicative of abuse. Arrangements were made for children to stay with a grandparent following the incident. The children were subsequently determined to be safe and returned home, with the case remaining open to provide ongoing case management services under a Child in Need of Protection or Services Order.

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 infant's death, the infant resided with her mother, alleged father and two siblings, ages six and four.

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 infant's two older siblings were under an in-home Child in Need of Protection or Services order. The last contact by the agency to the family was a face to face home visit on April 29, 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 August 29, 2012, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now six-year-old sister and four-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed on October 12, 2012. Services provided to the family included case management, formal assessments and services, parenting education, housing assistance, and financial assistance. Transportation and supervised visitation were provided to the infant's older siblings. After the infant's birth she

was discharged home. The infant's older siblings were returned home on April 30, 2014 and the case remains open to provide ongoing case management.

On July 4, 2014, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency offered the family community resources.

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 May 26, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging neglect to the child's now six-year-old sister and four-year-old brother by their mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated and the children were deemed safe. The family was referred to community resources and the case was closed in initial assessment.

On June 21, 2011, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 22, 2012, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 25, 2012, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 28, 2012, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 1, 2012, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 4, 2012, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 4, 2012, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency offered the family community resources.

On July 5, 2012, 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:

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 physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The two other children in the home at the time of the incident were also medically examined and these children did not have any physical injuries indicative of abuse. Arrangements were made for children to stay with a grandparent following the incident. The children were subsequently determined to be safe and returned home, with the case remaining open to provide ongoing case management services under a Child in Need of Protection or Services Order.

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 checked="" 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 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 based on the record or on-site 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) completed an initial review of the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case 140501DSP-Winn-440. As a result of the agency's internal review process, the agency engaged in and completed action steps focusing on continued support of the agency's efforts to improve the consistency and quality of safety practice.

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

None.

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