

## 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:** 140503DSP-Port-439      **Agency:** Portage County Health and Human Services Department

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

Age: 1 Year      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** May 03, 2014

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

On May 3, 2014, the agency received an afterhours report regarding a one-year-old child who had consumed several pills and was en route to the hospital. Law enforcement initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's injuries. The child presented signs of possible respiratory failure, possible seizure activity, and potential toxic drug ingestion. Due to the child's presenting symptoms, she was transported to another hospital.

The mother reported on this day she fed her three children and put the one-year-old child down for a nap as she appeared tired. The mother stated she then cleaned the living room and found some pills on the floor. The mother stated the pills were "popped out" of the container and she "freaked out" and started to search for the pills. The mother reported she then went into the child's sibling's bedroom and asked the sibling if she had taken the pills. The mother stated the sibling did not respond, so the mother went back out into the living room to search for the pills. The mother reported her parents and younger brother then arrived at her home for a visit. The mother stated her younger brother went to check on the child, came back out into the living room, and stated that the child was not breathing right and something was wrong with the child. The mother reported she then picked up the child and her eyes were open, but she was not responding to the mother. The mother then stated she called emergency responders. The mother stated the medication belonged to a friend who had been residing at her residence that week.

No criminal charges have been 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 a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the child by her mother. The mother failed to provide the necessary supervision for her three children. The mother was aware there was medication scattered on the floor that was accessible to the children; however, she failed to secure the medication. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate physical abuse of the three children by the father. The child was deemed unsafe with the mother and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. The child's two siblings, ages three-years-old and two-years-old, were also deemed unsafe with the mother, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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 child resided with her mother and her two siblings, ages two-years-old and three-years-old.

**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:**

On April 21, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the three-year-old, two-year-old, and one-year old by the father. The children resided with their mother and the Initial Assessment was still open at the time of the current referral. The last contact with the mother and her three children prior to the incident was a home visit which occurred on May 1, 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.)

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 February 20, 2013 the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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

On January 20, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 21, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the three-year-old, two-year-old, and one-year old children. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse to the three children by the father was unsubstantiated.

**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 maltreatment of neglect to the child by her mother. The mother failed to provide the necessary supervision for her three children. The mother was aware there was medication scattered on the floor that was accessible to the children; however, she failed to secure the medication. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate physical abuse of the three children by the father. The child was deemed unsafe with the mother and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. The child's two siblings, ages three-years-old and two-years-old, were also deemed unsafe with the mother, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed and the case 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 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 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):   |

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**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. The Department has determined no further review is needed. This 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.