

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: 140702DSP-Rock-456 **Agency:** Rock County Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 7 and 9 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: July 2, 2014

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

On July 2, 2014, the agency received a report regarding two children, ages seven-years-old and nine-years-old, brought to the hospital with multiple injuries. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the children's suspicious injuries.

Medical professionals determined the children sustained significant injuries as a result of child abuse. The mother's boyfriend was arrested and criminally charged with two counts of Child Abuse-High Probability/Great Harm. The mother's boyfriend was found guilty of one count of Child Abuse-High Probability/Great Harm.

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 physical abuse to the children by the mother's boyfriend. Medical professionals determined the children sustained significant injuries related to the child abuse incident. The agency also found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the children by the mother. The mother did not seek medical attention for her children. The children were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. 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? The mother's boyfriend.

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 children resided with their mother and the mother's boyfriend. The mother's boyfriend has a two-year-old child from a previous relationship who had weekly visitation with him. The family also had an adult roommate who resided in the home at the time of the incident. The children's biological fathers have no contact with the children and their whereabouts are unknown.

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 December 14, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to a five-year-old male child by the mother's boyfriend (current alleged maltreater). An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated.

On October 17, 2013, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On October 22, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging emotional and physical abuse to the eight-year-old (now nine-year-old) female child by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of emotional and physical abuse were unsubstantiated.

On November 6, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the eight-year-old (now nine-year-old) female child by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated.

On January 23, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the eight-year-old (now nine-year-old) female child and physical abuse to the seven-year-old male child by the mother and mother's ex-husband. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of emotional and physical abuse were unsubstantiated.

On January 30, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 31, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On March 18, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 22, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the eight-year-old (now nine-year-old) female child and neglect to a two-year-old female child (biological child of the current alleged maltreater) by the mother's boyfriend (current alleged maltreater). An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect and physical abuse were unsubstantiated.

On April 28, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 16, 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:

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 physical abuse to the children by the mother's boyfriend. Medical professionals determined the children sustained significant injuries related to the child abuse incident. The agency also found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the children by the mother. The mother did not seek medical attention for her children. The children were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. 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 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 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 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 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 140702DSP-Rock-456. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency implemented action steps to improve the consistency and quality of safety assessment and decision-making practice.

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

Based on the agency's effort and response to this incident and DSP review, no further statewide 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) action on this case.