

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: 141016DSP-MILW-491 **Agency:** Milwaukee

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 11 weeks Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 10/16/2014

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

On October 16, 2014, the agency received and screened in a report regarding an 11-week old baby who had been pronounced dead in his home by emergency medical personnel. Law enforcement was contacted and a criminal investigation was initiated. Preliminary report from the medical examiner's office indicated the cause of the child's death to be asphyxia due to overlay. As a result of law enforcement's investigation the maternal grandmother was arrested and criminally charged with one count of 2nd Degree Reckless Homicide. A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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

The agency screened in and assessed allegations of neglect to the 11-week old and his 12 and five-year old siblings by the mother and to the maternal grandmother and maternal great-aunt, who were visiting the family home at the time of the incident. The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The assessment completed by the agency found sufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the children by the maternal grandmother. The surviving children were assessed as safe, the family was provided with referral resources for mental health and substance abuse services, and the case was closed.

- Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?
- Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The maternal grandmother.

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):

Prior to the incident, the 11-week old lived with his mother, maternal uncle, and 5-year-old sister. The baby's 12-year-old sister primarily resided with her father, but regularly visited the mother's home.

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 July 30, 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 screened in and assessed allegations of neglect to the 11-week old and his 12 and five-year old siblings by the mother and to the maternal grandmother and maternal great-aunt, who were visiting the family home at the time of the incident. The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The assessment completed by the agency found sufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the children by the maternal grandmother. The surviving children were assessed as safe, the family was provided with referral resources for mental health and substance abuse services, and the case was closed.

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 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 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 DSP completes a 90-day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the Act. In accordance with the DCF memo Series 2010-13, dated December 7, 2010 pertaining to the Child Welfare Case Review Protocol, the Bureau of Performance Management (BPM) completed a records review of case # 141016DSP-MILW-491. There are no findings of non-compliance with Child Protective Services Access and Initial Assessment Standards, Safety Intervention Standards, relevant sections of Chapter 48 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and BMCW policies and procedures. The Access process for the report received on 7/30/14 was conducted in accordance with CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards.

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

None at this time

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

This 6 month final summary report was previously delayed. DSP did determine that releasing the summary report would jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation, and delayed posting as provided under Wis. Stat. § 48.981(7)(cr)7.