

## 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:** 160108-Lacr-593 **Agency:** La Crosse County Human Services Department

### Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 12 Years Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 01/08/2016

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

On January 8, 2016, the agency received a report regarding a 12-year-old child pronounced dead at the hospital. Medical personnel indicated that the child died as a result of Stage 4 Neuroblastoma. There were no signs of maltreatment.

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

The agency collaborated with medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment was completed with an Alternative Response and it was determined that the family was not in need of services. Medical personnel reported no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the child. There were no other children in the home. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment and no service referrals were made.

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 his mother.

**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 agency was investigating allegations of neglect to the child by his mother and assessing the safety of the child in the family home. The last contact by the agency with the mother and the child prior to the child's death occurred on December 11, 2015.

**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 April 5, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging emotional damage to the child by his mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of emotional damage was unsubstantiated.

**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.)

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On March 24, 2011, 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 medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment was completed with an Alternative Response and it was determined that the family was not in need of services. Medical personnel reported no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the child. There were no other children in the home. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment and no service referrals were made.

**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 type="checkbox"/> Referral to services                                                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented                                                      | <input 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):                                                             |

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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 the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) completes in an initial review the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case #160108-DSP-LaCr-593. As a result of this review process, DSP determined the agency implemented steps to improve the consistency and quality of safety assessment and decision-making practices.

**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.

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