

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: 160217-DSP-KENO-600 **Agency:** Kenosha County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 5 Months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 02/17/2016

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

On February 17, 2016, the agency received a report regarding a 5-month-old infant pronounced deceased in her home. Law Enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation into the infant's unexplained death. The Medical Examiner's Office report noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. The official cause of the infant's death was Sudden Unexplained Death of an Infant by the Medical Examiner's Office. No criminal charges have been filed in this case, but the investigation remains open.

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 insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the infant by the mother. The Medical Examiner's Office completed report noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. At the time of the incident the family was open for ongoing case management services and had an in-home safety plan in place. The in-home safety plan remains in place for the two surviving children. The case remains open to continue providing 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 infant resided with her mother and father and two older siblings, ages one and two.

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 three children were open for case management services under an in-home Child in Need of Protection or Services order. The last contact by an assigned worker with the family was on February 15, 2016.

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 March 28, 2013, the agency screened in a CPS report alleging physical abuse by the mother the infants now two year old sister. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated.

On August 26, 2013, the agency screened in a CPS report alleging neglect to the infant's now two year old sibling. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On October 31, 2013, the agency screened in CPS report alleging neglect by the mother to the infant's now two year old sibling. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated and resulted the case being opened for agency services under a Child in Need of Protection and Services petition.

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 27, 2014, the agency screened out a CPS report.

On April 11, 2014, the agency screened out a CPS report.

On July 12, 2014, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with domestic abuse services.

On October 18, 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 insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the infant by the mother. The Medical Examiner's Office completed report noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. At the time of the incident the family was open for ongoing case management services and had an in-home safety plan in place. The in-home safety plan remains in place for the two surviving children. The case remains open to continue providing 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input 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 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 checked="" 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 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) completes an initial review the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case #160217DSP-Keno-600. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency has implemented efforts to improve the consistency and quality of safety practices, including continued and updated training of CPS staff surrounding safe sleep 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 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.