

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: 160304DSP-Dane-607 **Agency:** Dane County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 9 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian, African American/Black

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 3/4/2016

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

On March 4, 2016, the agency received a report regarding neglect to four children (14 year-old-male, 9-year-old male, 2-year-old female, and 2-month-old-female). The mother shot the children's father and three of the four children were witness to the incident. The 9 year old, who is the subject of this incident, was also alleged to be the victim of sexual abuse by the father. The three children present at the time of the shooting were taken to the hospital, including the child who was the alleged victim of sexual abuse. Medical personnel noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the children. Law enforcement was contacted and a criminal investigation was initiated.

As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother was arrested and criminally charged with First Degree Intentional 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 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 children by the mother and insufficient evidence to substantiate sexual abuse of the child by the father. The children were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care with a relative. 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? The mother.

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 and father, his 14 year-old brother, 2 year-old sister, and 2 month-old sister.

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.)

On December 18, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect by the mother of the now 2 month old infant. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated and the infant was deemed safe. The mother was referred to services in the community and the case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On July 9, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect by the mother to the now 2 year old child. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated and the child was deemed safe. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On January 6, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect by the father and mother to the now 14 year old, 9 year old and 2 year old children. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated and the children were deemed safe. The family was referred to economic support services and the case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On April 1, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse by an adult friend of the family to the now 9 year old child. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was substantiated and the child was deemed safe with his parents. The family was referred to counseling services and the case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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 August 28, 2012, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 24, 2012, 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 neglect to the children by the mother and insufficient evidence to substantiate sexual abuse of the child by the father. The children were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care with a relative. 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 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 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 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): |

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 of the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case #160304DSP-Dane-607. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency had implemented efforts to improve the consistency and quality of safety practices, including continued and updated training of intimate partner violence and requirements around infants who test positive for substances at birth.

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.