

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: 160320-DSP-DOUG-612 **Agency:** Douglas County Department of Health and Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 9 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 03/20/2016

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

On March 23, 2016, the agency received a report regarding neglect of a 9-year-old child. The child was brought to the hospital on March 19, 2016 due to complications resulting from a severe asthma attack. The child was pronounced deceased at the hospital on March 20, 2016. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation into the child's death. Medical personnel determined the child died as a result of cardiorespiratory arrest. No criminal charges were filed in this case and the investigation was closed.

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 by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by the mother. The agency determined the child's siblings to be safe and they remained with their mother. 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, his mother's significant other, 9-year-old sister, 6-year-old sister, 4-year-old brother and 3-year-old brother.

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 child was under an in-home Juvenile Delinquency order and the agency had an open CPS investigation alleging physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater.

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 July 13, 2011, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with information regarding formal community-based services.

On October 18, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child, the child's now 9-year-old sister, now 6 year-old sister and now 4-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated and the children were deemed safe. Upon completion of the Initial Assessment the case was closed and no further service referrals were made.

On July 20, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child, the child's now 9-year-old sister, now 6 year-old sister and now 4-year-old brother by the mother. An Alternative Response assessment was completed by the agency and it was determined that services were not needed for the family. Upon completion of the Initial Assessment the case was closed and no service referrals were made.

On August 13, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child, the child's now 9-year-old sister, now 6 year-old sister and now 4-year-old brother by the mother. An Alternative Response assessment was completed by the agency and it was determined that services were not needed for the family. Upon completion of the Initial Assessment the case was closed and no service referrals were made.

On February 11, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by the father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. The child was determined to be safe and remained in the care of his mother. Upon completion of the Initial Assessment the case was closed and no service referrals were made.

On October 21, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect and physical abuse to the child, the child's now 9-year-old sister, now 6 year-old sister, now 4-year-old brother now 3-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency. The allegations of neglect were substantiated and the allegations of physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition and the case was opened for services.

On June 12, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect and physical abuse to the child, the child's now 9-year-old sister, now 6 year-old sister, now 4-year-old brother now 3-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated and the children were determined to be safe. Upon completion of the Initial Assessment the case was closed and no service referrals were made.

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 February 19, 2013, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was provided with information on services.

On February 11, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by the father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. The child was determined to be safe and remained in the care of his mother. Upon completion of the Initial Assessment the case was closed and no service referrals were made.

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completed by the agency. The allegations of neglect were substantiated and the allegations of physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition and the case was opened for services.

On December 22, 2014, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency provided the family with services.

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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 by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by the mother. The agency determined the child's siblings to be safe and they remained with their mother. 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): A Child Death Review is being scheduled |

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 compels a 90-Day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the act. A further practice review has been completed for case 160320-DSP-DOUG-612. 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 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 efforts and response to this incident and DSP review, no further statewide policy, practice, or statutory changes are recommended.

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