

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: 170307-DSP-FORE-693

Agency: Forest County Department of Social Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 6 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: American Indian/Alaskan Native

Special Needs: Diabetes

Date of Incident: 03/07/2017

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

On March 7, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a 6-year-old child pronounced deceased in her home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death was due to complications from diabetes. No criminal charges have been filed in this case, and 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 a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the child by an unknown malteater. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death was due to complications from diabetes. The child's 2-year-old sister was residing in a licensed foster home at the time of the incident under a Consent Decree. There is a pending Child in Need of Protection and Service Petition before the courts. 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?

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 her maternal grandmother. The child's biological mother had regular visitation. The child's biological father's whereabouts are unknown. The child's 2-year-old sister was residing in a licensed foster home at the time of the incident under a Consent Decree.

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's 2-year-old sibling was under a Consent Decree and placed in a licensed foster home. The last face-to-face contact by the agency to the mother was on March 3, 2017.

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 September 27, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 2-year-old sister by her mother. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On February 26, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child's now 2-year-old sister by her mother. The allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On February 19, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the child's now 2-year-old sister by her mother. The allegation of physical abuse and neglect was unsubstantiated. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

old sister by her father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated and the allegation of neglect was substantiated for the father. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed on October 10, 2016 and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On June 17, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 2-year-old sister by her mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case remained open for ongoing case management services.

On March 21, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child by her mother. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Order was granted on March 24, 2014 to provide ongoing case management services, the order subsequently expired March 24, 2015.

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 11, 2013 the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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On April 22, 2011, the agency screened-out a Services 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 child by an unknown maltreater. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death was due to complications from diabetes. The child's 2-year-old sister was residing in a licensed foster home at the time of the incident under a Consent Decree. There is a pending Child in Need of Protection and Service Petition before the courts. 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 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 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 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 of the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case 170307-DSP-FORE-693. 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 training and coaching for all CPS staff, technical assistance from the DSP, and increased staffing.

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

None

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