

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: 170320DSP-Rock-699 **Agency:** Rock County Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 7 Weeks Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American, White

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 03/20/2017

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

On March 20, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a 7-week-old infant brought to the hospital. Medical professionals who examined the child suspected head trauma due to the child's presenting symptoms. On March 26, 2017, the infant was pronounced deceased as a result of the sustained injuries. The Medical Examiner's Office report noted signs of maltreatment and trauma to the infant. The official cause of the infant's death was determined by the Medical Examiner's Office to be abusive head trauma. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the unexplained death. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the father and mother were arrested and criminally charged. The father was charged with 1st Degree Reckless Homicide and the mother with Neglect of a Child (Consequence of death). 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 physical abuse to the infant by the father and neglect by the mother. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained head injuries and diagnosed the infant with fatal Abusive Head Trauma. The infant's two siblings were already receiving services from the agency under a Child in Need of Protection or Services order. This case continued to remain open to provide ongoing case management services.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The infant's father and 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 infant resided with his father and mother. The infant's siblings were in out-of-home care with a relative.

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 two older children were under a Child in Need of Protection or Services order and placed in out-of-home care with a relative. The last contact by the agency with the mother, infant and his siblings was during a supervised visit on March 14, 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 February 17, 2016, the agency screened-in a Services Report.

On August, 18, 2015 the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 5-year-old sister by the mother's boyfriend, and neglect by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical

abuse was substantiated by an unknown maltreater. The allegation of neglect by the mother was also substantiated. The infant's now 5-year-old sister and now 7-year-old brother were deemed unsafe. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed on January 11, 2016, the children were placed in foster care and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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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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 physical abuse to the infant by the father and neglect by the mother. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained head injuries and diagnosed the infant with fatal Abusive Head Trauma. The infant's two siblings were already receiving services from the agency under a Child in Need of Protection or Services order. This case continued to remain 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 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 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 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 Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes 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 170320DSP-Rock-699. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency implemented efforts to improve the consistency and quality of safety

practices.

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

None

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