

## 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:** 170715-DSP-MILW-741      **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 3 months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 7/15/2017

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

On July 15, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a 3-month-old infant pronounced deceased at the hospital with multiple injuries. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation into the infant's unexplained death. 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 physical abuse of the infant by an unknown maltreater. The agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect to the infant by both parents. Medical personnel determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The Medical Examiner's determination of official cause of death is pending. The infant's 18-month-old, 6-year-old, 8-year-old, and 10-year-old siblings were residing with a relative under September 23, 2016 Children in Need of Protection or Services Orders. The case remains open under this order 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 infant resided in her mother's home under court order. Paternity has not been established for the infant. The infant's 18-month-old, 6-year-old, 8-year-old, and 10-year-old siblings were residing with a relative under Children in Need of Protection or Services Orders at the time of the incident. The infant's siblings were having regular visitation at the mother's home.

**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 infant's four siblings were under Children in Need of Protection or Services Orders, were placed with relatives, and the family was receiving ongoing case management services from the agency. At the time of the infant's birth, the infant was taken into Temporary Physical Custody by the agency and was placed by court order in the home of her mother. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed for the infant and was under consideration by the court at the time of the incident. The last contact by the agency with the mother was a telephone call on July 7, 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 April 11, 2017, the agency deemed the now 3-month-old infant to be unsafe, took Temporary Physical Custody, and filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition. The infant was placed in the home of the mother under court order, and the Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was under consideration by the court at the time of the incident.

On September 21, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the infant's now 18-month-old sister, and physical abuse to the infant's now 10-year-old brother by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect and physical abuse were substantiated for these children. The now 18-month-old, 10-year-old, 8-year-old, and 6-year-old siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed with relatives. Children in Need of Protection or Services Petitions were filed for the four children on September 23, 2016 and the case remained open for ongoing case management services.

On June 4, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 8-year-old brother and now 10-year-old brother by the father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On May 14, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 8-year-old brother by the father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On January 23, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 10-year-old brother, now 8-year-old brother, and now 6-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. 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 October 28, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 5, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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On March 25, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On March 14, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 12, 2013, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 23, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 10-year-old brother, now 8-year-old brother, and now 6-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On December 24, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 10-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

**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 physical abuse of the infant by an unknown maltreater. The agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect to the infant by both parents. Medical personnel determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The Medical Examiner's determination of official cause of death is pending. The infant's 18-month-old, 6-year-old, 8-year-old, and 10-year-old siblings were residing with a relative under September 23, 2016 Children in Need of Protection or Services Orders. The case remains open under this order 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 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):   |

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**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 170715-DSP-MILW-741. 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 increased collaboration and communication with legal partners.

**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 summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.