

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: 170801-DSP-MILW-743 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 8/1/2017

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

On August 1, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a 2-month-old infant pronounced deceased in his home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation into the infant's unexplained death. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant; toxicology results are pending. 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 neglect of the infant by the mother. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant; toxicology results are pending. The infant's siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in foster care. Child in Need of Protection or Services Petitions were filed for all six children. 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 infant resided in his mother's home with his twin 2-month-old, 1-year-old, 3-year-old, 5-year-old, 7-year-old, and 8-year-old siblings. The infant did not have visitation with his father. A 14-year-old sibling was under the guardianship and custody of a relative and did not reside in the home at the time of the incident.

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 family was open for assessment of the June 14, 2017 CPS Report. The last contact by the agency with the mother was a home visit on July 13, 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 June 14, 2017 the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant and the infant's siblings 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 September 26, 2014 the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging physical abuse to the now 4-year-old sister by a non-caregiver. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. 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 September 26, 2014 the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging physical abuse to the now 4-year-old sister by a non-caregiver. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On April 25, 2012 the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 5-year-old sibling by the mother. 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.

In 2008, the mother's parental rights to the now 13-year-old twins were terminated.

On June 20, 2006 the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to infant's now 14-year-old, and now 13-year-old twin siblings. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated. Child in Need of Protection or Services Petitions were filed and the children were placed in foster care. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On June 16, 2006 the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 17, 2006 the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 9, 2005 the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 14-year-old sibling by the mother. 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 June 7, 2005, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the infant's now 14-year-old and now 13-year-old twin siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse and neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On February 1, 2005 the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 14-year-old and now 13-year-old twin siblings by the mother. The agency was unable to locate the family to complete the Initial Assessment.

On December 10, 2004 the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect and physical abuse to the infant's now 14-year-old sister and neglect to the now 13-year-old twins. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse and neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was opened to provide ongoing case management services.

On December 7, 2004 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 neglect of the infant by the

mother. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant; toxicology results are pending. The infant's siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in foster care. Child in Need of Protection or Services Petitions were filed for all six children. 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 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 checked="" 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 170801-DSP-MILW-743. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency has implemented efforts to improve the consistency and quality of decision-making practices, including updated training and protocol regarding collaboration with medical professionals.

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.