

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: 180215-DSP-MILW-809 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 14 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: Significant medical needs

Date of Incident: 02/15/2018

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

On February 15, 2018, the agency received a report regarding a 14-year-old child pronounced deceased in her home. The Medical Examiner's Officer determined the child's death was due to non-accidental blunt force trauma to the abdomen. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation into the child's death. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the child's adult cousin was arrested and criminally charged with 2nd Degree Reckless Homicide. 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 child by the child's adult cousin. Medical professionals determined the child sustained blunt force trauma to the abdomen, causing her death. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by the child's guardian. The agency determined the child's minor relatives were safe and they remained in the home with their mother and father. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment and the family was referred to community resources.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The child's adult cousin

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 relative guardian, the guardian's significant other, the child's adult cousin, 14-year-old cousin and 11-year-old cousin. The child's mother and father are deceased.

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 agency was assessing the February 12, 2018 CPS Report. The last contact by the agency was a home visit with the guardian, the guardian's significant other, the child's adult cousin, the child's 14-year-old cousin and the child on February 12, 2018.

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.)

The following history is related to the child's now deceased biological mother:

On November 7, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now deceased 14-year-old child by the child's now deceased mother and mother's significant other. 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.

The following history is related to the child's relative guardian, who was residing in the home at the time of the incident: On February 12, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the now deceased 14-year-old child by the child's relative guardian. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated.

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.)

The following history is related to the child's now deceased biological mother:

On May 15, 2015, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On November 7, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now deceased 14-year-old child by the child's now deceased mother and mother's significant other. 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 February 5, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 2, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the now deceased 14-year-old child by an unknown maltreater. 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 October 1, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the now deceased 14-year-old child by a secondary or non-caregiver. An assessment was complete by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On February 8, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now deceased 14-year-old child 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 November 23, 2011, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 9, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now deceased 14-year-old child, now 16-year-old sister, and 3 now adult sisters by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On April 19, 2010, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On February 18, 2010, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On November 12, 2009, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community support services.

On November 5, 2009, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 1, 2009, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 16, 2008, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 15-year-old sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On September 19, 2007, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging medical neglect to the child's now 15-year-old sister 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 November 16, 2006, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to household support services.

On May 24, 2002, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 15-year-old sister 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.

The following history is related to the child's adult guardian who was residing in the home at the time of the incident: On February 12, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the now deceased 14-year-old child. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated.

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 child by the child's adult cousin. Medical professionals determined the child sustained blunt force trauma to the abdomen, causing her death. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by the child's guardian. The agency determined the child's minor relatives were safe and they remained in the home with their mother and father. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment and the family was referred to community resources.

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 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 180215-DSP-MILW-809. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined no policy or practice changes were needed.

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.

