

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: 210321DSP-Mara-1057 **Agency:** Marathon County Department of Social Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 7 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Asian/Hmong

Special Needs: None

Age: 1 year Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Asian/Hmong

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 03/21/2021

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

On March 21, 2021, the agency received a report alleging neglect of a 7-month-old infant and a 1-year-old infant. The infants were found at home with their deceased mother. Law enforcement initiated a criminal investigation. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the children's father was criminally charged with 1st-Degree Intentional 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the infants by their father. The agency deemed the infants unsafe, and they were taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed with a relative. The infants' 5-year-old half-brother remained in the care of his father. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed for the infants, and 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? The infants' father.

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 infants resided with their mother and their 5-year-old half-brother. The infants' father was adjudicated and occasionally resided in the home. The infants' 13-year old half-brother did not live in the home and has resided with his father.

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:

N/A

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 December 28, 2020, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the infants by their mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On September 14, 2020, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the infants and their now 5-year-old half-brother by their mother and the infants' father. An assessment was completed by the agency with

the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On January 4, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infants' now 5-year-old and now 13-year-old half-brothers by their mother and the infants' 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.

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 July 18, 2018, 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the infants by their father. The agency deemed the infants unsafe, and they were taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed with a relative. The infants' 5-year-old half-brother remained in the care of his father. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed for the infants, and 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance |
| <input checked="" 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 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): |

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 #210321DSP-Mara-1057. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency continued to focus on enhancing collaboration and communication with local agencies to support families.

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.