

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: 220425DSP-Dane-1142 **Agency:** Dane County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 1 year Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black; African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 04/25/2022

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

On April 25, 2022, the agency received a report regarding a one-year-old child brought to the hospital with multiple injuries who was subsequently pronounced deceased. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical professionals determined the death to be non-accidental. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother's significant other was criminally charged with 1st Degree Intentional Homicide and 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child Under the Age of 13, Causes Great Bodily Harm. 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 assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by the child's mother and sexual abuse and physical abuse of the child by the mother's significant other. Medical professionals determined the death to be non-accidental. The agency determined the child's siblings safe, and they remained with their mother. The family's case remained open for voluntary case management services.

- Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?
 Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The mother's significant other

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 mother; her mother's significant other; her 7-year-old sibling and her 6-year-old sibling. The child's father did not have regular visitation.

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 April 19, 2022 CPS Report. The agency made contact with the mother by phone on April 25, 2022.

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 19, 2022, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse of the child's 7-year-old sibling by the mother's significant other and neglect of the child and the child's 7-year-old and 6-year-old siblings by the mother. The child died during the assessment period, and an additional report was made to the agency regarding the child's death on April 25, 2022. An assessment of the allegations was completed by the agency, and the initial allegations of physical abuse and neglect were unsubstantiated.

The following history is related to the mother's significant other:

On January 21, 2019, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the mother's significant other's now 6-year-old and 2-year-old children by the mother's significant other. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community services, and the case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On February 28, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the mother's significant other's now 2-year-old child by the mother's significant other. 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 March 21, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 20, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

The following history is related to the mother's significant other:

On February 28, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the mother's significant other's now 2-year-old child by the mother's significant other. 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by the child's mother and sexual abuse and physical abuse of the child by the mother's significant other. Medical professionals determined the death to be non-accidental. The agency determined the child's siblings safe, and they remained with their mother. The family's case remained open for voluntary 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 a 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input 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 #220425DSP-Dane-1142. As a result of this review process, the DSP did not determine 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.

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