

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: 231213DSP-Milw-1280

Agency: Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 10 years

Gender: ☒ Female ☐ Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 12/13/2023

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

On December 13, 2023, the agency received a report regarding a 10-year-old child brought to the hospital with a head injury and subsequently pronounced deceased on December 18, 2023. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the child died as a result of a serious injury. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, an individual was referred for charges. 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 Medical Examiner's Office determined the child died as a result of a serious injury. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by an unnamed maltreater. The agency determined the child's siblings unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan. Subsequently, the mother was assessed as protective, and the child's siblings remained with their mother. The family was referred to community services, and the agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

☒ Yes ☐ No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

☒ Yes ☐ No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? An individual

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 14-year-old sibling, her 13-year-old sibling, her 11-year-old sibling, her 8-year-old sibling, 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:

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 October 5, 2023, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by her now 14-year-old sibling and neglect of her now 13-year-old sibling by their 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 September 16, 2022, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child and all of her siblings by their mother. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of unable to locate, and the case was closed.

On December 8, 2021, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 14-year-old sibling, 13-year-old sibling and 11-year-old sibling by their mother. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegations of neglect were 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.)

On October 30, 2023, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On October 5, 2023, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by her 14-year-old sibling and neglect of her now 13-year-old sibling by their 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 September 16, 2022, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child and all of her siblings by their mother. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of unable to locate and the case was closed.

On March 2, 2022, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 8, 2021, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 14-year-old sibling, 13-year-old sibling and 11-year-old sibling by their mother. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegations of neglect were substantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On December 16, 2019, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 11, 2019, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 8, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child's now 11-year-old sibling by their 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 October 22, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child and her now 11-year-old sibling by their 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 December 18, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 28, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to all of the child's siblings by their 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 February 6, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child and all of her siblings by their mother and sexual abuse to the child's now 8-year-old sibling by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated, and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On November 15, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 10, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 10, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 11-year-old sibling by their 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 April 28, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child by her 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 June 28, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child's now 14-year-old sibling by their 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the child died as a result of a serious injury. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by an unnamed maltreater. The agency determined the child's siblings unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan. Subsequently, the mother was assessed as protective, and the child's siblings remained with their mother. The family was referred to community services, and the agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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 checked="" 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 FURTHER REVIEW WAS UNDERTAKEN:

Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified based on the review of the incident:

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes a 90-Day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the Act. As part of the 90-Day Summary, an internal review did not identify indicators of the child welfare agency response that required further review. This report completes the DSP actions related to this incident.

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the review:

N/A

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

