

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: 240201DSP-Dane-1292

Agency: Dane County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 weeks Gender: ☐ Female ☒ Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black; African American; Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 02/01/24

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

On February 1, 2024, the agency received a report regarding a 3-week-old infant pronounced deceased at the hospital. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of trauma to the infant; the autopsy report is 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of trauma to the infant; the autopsy report is pending. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the infant by the parents. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment, and no service referrals were made.

☒ 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 with his mother and 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.)

None

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 January 30, 2024, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 25, 2024, 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 Medical

Examiner's Office noted no signs of trauma to the infant; the autopsy report is pending. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the infant by the parents. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment, and no service referrals were made.

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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| ☒ Screening of Access report | ☐ Attempted or successful reunification |
| ☐ Protective plan implemented | ☐ Referral to services |
| ☒ Initial assessment conducted | ☐ Transportation assistance |
| ☐ Safety plan implemented | ☒ Collaboration with law enforcement |
| ☐ Temporary physical custody of child | ☒ Collaboration with medical professionals |
| ☐ Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | ☐ Supervised visitation |
| ☐ Placement into foster home | ☐ Case remains open for services |
| ☐ Placement with relatives | ☒ Case closed by agency |
| ☐ Ongoing Services case management | ☐ Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases |
| | ☐ 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 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 incident #240201DSP-Dane-1292. 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 review:

None

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