

90-Day Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 100429DSP-PN-15 Agency: Outagamie Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services

Child Information: Age: 7 months Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Asian Hmong
Special needs: None

Child's Residence: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Date of Incident: 4/29/10

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

The infant was sleeping with a teenaged relative who woke to find the baby deceased. The preliminary autopsy results find no obvious signs of trauma. Further testing is being completed but results may not be known for 2-3 months.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency concluded that the child's death was an accident and maltreatment was unsubstantiated. The teenaged relative was sleeping on the couch with the baby on their arm/chest. The relative woke to find the baby deceased. The family called 911 and the coroner was also called to the home. An autopsy showed no obvious signs of trauma but further testing is being completed and the results may not be known for 2-3 months. No criminal charges have been filed.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The infant was living at home with his mother and two siblings.

Yes No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, 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:

None

Summary of all involvement in services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years:

In 2008 and 2009, the agency received two CPS reports alleging neglect which were investigated and unsubstantiated. The family was assessed and declined to participate in services. The case was closed following each 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 or alleged maltreater:

In 2008 and 2009, two reports alleging neglect of the older children were investigated and unsubstantiated. The assessments in each instance determined the children to be safe in the care of their parents. The agency offered services, and the family declined to participate.

Summary of any investigation conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the family since the date of the incident:

The investigation in response to the baby's death was unsubstantiated, and allegations of neglect regarding the condition of the home were also unsubstantiated. The agency provided the mother with information on grief counseling and support groups in the community. The agency also offered the mother voluntary services through the agency, which she declined.

Additional information for children in out-of-home (OHC) placement at time of incident:

Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there:

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

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Licensing history: Including type of license, duration of license, summary of any violations by licensee or an employee of licensee that constitutes a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child.

*** Summary of actions taken by agency in response to the incident:**

The agency investigated allegations of child death and concluded based on available information that the baby's co-sleeping death is unsubstantiated. If additional testing or autopsy results indicate there were maltreatment concerns related to the baby's death, the agency will investigate these new allegations.

***Summary of policy or practice changes to address identified issues:**

Outagamie Co. DHHS must ensure that initial assessments are completed within 60 days of receipt of the CPS Report in compliance with statute and the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards.

***Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:**

None

Statement of Completion:

Yes No This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

* If a full report including agency actions, changes in policies or practices and recommendations for further changes was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.