

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

Case Tracking Number: 100507DSP-PN-19 Agency: Outagamie Co. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Child Information: Age: 2 months Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: None at time of the incident

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

Date of Incident: May 7, 2010

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

The child was taken to the doctor by her father who explained he may have rolled on the baby while sleeping with her. While examining her, the child went limp and the doctor carried her to the emergency room. Over the next several days, the baby was diagnosed with healing rib fractures, acute head trauma, retinal hemorrhaging and bruising on her leg, neck, side and near her eye. The injuries were described as consistent with nonaccidental trauma and a shaken baby. A coma was induced, and initially the child was not expected to live, but did survive. The father later confessed to shaking her on two separate occasions on 5/7/10. In the morning he shook the baby when he was unable to console her. Later the same day, her head allegedly hit the ground when the father bent down to pick up her nuk that had fallen. The child then went limp, so he shook her again. The father is also suspected to have caused the earlier injuries to her ribs. The father has been criminally charged with two felony counts of 2nd Degree Reckless Injury.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The allegation of physical abuse to the child by her father is substantiated. Surrounding circumstances are described in the previous section.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child lived at home with both of her parents who are married to each other.

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:

N/A

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

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 or alleged maltreater:

None

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 agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by her parent. In June 2010, a report was received and screened in for child welfare rather than child protective services. The report indicates that the child needed additional medical care and was receiving it. The family is receiving Ongoing Services which includes case management to address the family's needs and monitoring of participation in services to ensure child safety. The mother is cooperative and participating in services. The father is incarcerated and ordered to have no contact with the child.

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:

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 responded to the report the same day it was received. The initial assessment was conducted in coordination with law enforcement. A protective plan was implemented that required supervision of parental visits with the baby in the hospital during the CPS assessment. Subsequently, the plan was modified to allow the mother unsupervised visits. The father was ordered to have no contact with the baby. The agency approved that the mother and child would reside with relatives upon the baby's discharge from the hospital. A CHIPS petition has been filed and is pending in court. The agency assisted the family with obtaining needed resources, including financial assistance for the baby and rent. The family continues to receive services from the agency.

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

None

***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.