

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

Case Tracking Number: 100826DSP-PN-42 Agency: Barron Co. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Child Information: Age: 2 years Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: Delayed speech prior to the incident

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

Date of Incident: 8/24/10

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

On 8/26/10 the agency received a report alleging that the child had "head to toe bruising." Reportedly, the mother observed the bruising when she picked up the child from the babysitter. The bruising was reported to have been caused by falling off a slide. Upon medical examination, it was learned that the child had multiple bruises and patterned injuries to the face, head, ears, chest and back, pneumothorax injury, lacerated liver and rib fractures. The medical provider deemed the injuries non-accidental, likely the result of "being beaten."

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. Neglect to the child by his mother was also substantiated. The child and a sibling were determined unsafe in their mother's care. It also was determined that the child sustained the injuries while in the care of the babysitter, who denies causing the child's injuries. The mother failed to seek immediate medical care for the child upon learning of his injuries. The mother, too, denies any wrongdoing. The mother and the babysitter have been criminally charged with Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Great Bodily Harm). The criminal investigation into who caused the injuries is ongoing.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child resided with his mother and a younger sibling. The child's father is not actively involved and has no contact with his child.

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:

The mother was voluntarily working with the agency, receiving child welfare services. Her last contact with the program was August 19, 2010.

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:

In 2010 the mother received child welfare services from the agency. The agency assisted her with enrolling her children into programs for which they were eligible and connecting her to community resources needed by the family.

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 at the age of 18 years or older:

In 2008, the agency received and screened out a child welfare services report; no further action was taken. In 2010, the agency screened in and investigated a child protective services report, unsubstantiating maltreatment. Also in 2010, the family received child welfare services as described in the previous section.

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 an unknown maltreatment and neglect to the child by his mother. Both children in the family were removed from their mother's care. The injured child was placed with a relative, and the

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sibling was placed with her biological father. The agency is supervising the mother's visits with the children. The mother is participating in services. The child continues to receive medical and other services.

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 screened in and investigated the report, determining the child to be in need of protection and services. The agency collaborated with law enforcement during the investigation. Physical abuse and neglect to the children were substantiated. The child and his sibling were determined unsafe in their mother's care. The agency removed the children from their mother, placing the injured child with a relative and the sibling with her biological father. The mother's visits with the children are supervised. The case remains open for Ongoing Services, and the agency continues to provide case management services to the family.

***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.