

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

Case Tracking Number: 100913DSP-PN-48 Agency: Sawyer County Health & Human Services

Child Information: Age: 5 weeks Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Native American
Special needs: None prior to the incident

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

Date of Incident: 9/12/10

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

The agency received a report that the baby was hospitalized with intracranial bleeding, linear skull fracture, fluid on the brain, and small bruises behind the left ear and forearm. The injuries are consistent with shaken baby syndrome. The physician determined the injuries were caused by nonaccidental trauma.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the infant by his father and determined the child unsafe in his father's care. The child's mother dropped him off at the father's home on Friday. The father reported that the child seemed fussy on Saturday, and on Sunday he could not stay awake. The parents took the baby to the local hospital, where it was decided to send him to St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, Minnesota. The baby was diagnosed with shaken baby syndrome resulting in significant long term, permanent damage. No one has been criminally charged in connection with the baby's injuries. The Lac Courtes Oreilles Tribal Police criminal investigation is ongoing.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The care for the baby was shared by his mother and father. Prior to this incident, the baby resided with his mother and sibling on the Lac Courtes Oreilles reservation, and his father cared for him at the father's residence while his mother worked.

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 as adults under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years:

In 2007 and 2009, CPS Reports (2 total) were received on two of the father's children. Both reports were unsubstantiated. In 2007, the family was referred to community services, and the agency closed the case. In 2009, the agency closed its case following the initial assessment, and the family continued receiving services from another agency.

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:

Please see 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 partnered with Lac Courtes Oreilles Indian Child Welfare workers to investigate the allegations and assess the families/households. Physical abuse to the child by his father was substantiated. The mother has full custody and placement of the baby. The father's and other relatives' visits with the baby are supervised. The family is receiving services through the tribe.

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 received, screened in and investigated two separate reports on the same incident. Physical abuse to the baby by his father was substantiated, and the baby was determined unsafe in his father's care. Visits with the baby by the father and relatives are supervised. Upon completion of the initial assessment, the county agency closed its case on the family. Ongoing services are being provided by the tribe.

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

The initial assessment is not in compliance with the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards.

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

The DSP will work with the agency to ensure adequate initial assessment practice and compliance with the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards.

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.