

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

Case Tracking Number: 101024DSP-PN-60 Agency: Langlade County Dept. of Social Services

Child Information: Age: 8 years Gender:  Female  Male  
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian  
Special needs: Asthma

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

Date of Incident: 10/24/10

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

On October 24, 2010 the child was having difficulty breathing and was unable to awaken her mother. It is unclear from the different stories provided if the child did or did not have a nebulizer treatment at that time, around approximately 3:00 a.m. When a relative living with them returned home at 7:00 a.m., the child called to him and told him she was having difficulty breathing. He awakened the mother who gave her a breathing treatment and placed her in bed with her. At approximately 8:00 a.m., the mother took the child to the hospital. The child was hospitalized in critical condition. Reportedly, the child had not received her medication for several days.

### Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated neglect to the child by her mother. The child was removed from her mother's care and placed with a relative. There potentially was a 5-8 hour lapse in time from the time the mother recognized the child needed help until their arrival at the hospital. The mother has been criminally charged with Neglecting a Child - Consequence is Great Bodily Harm.

### Additional information for children in home:

#### Description of the child's family:

The child resided with her mother, a relative and possibly another adult. She has a half-sibling that was previously adopted by a relative. The child's father does not live with her.

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 family was receiving Ongoing Services from the agency. The last contact with the mother and child was an unannounced home visit 10/19/10.

#### 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 2008, the agency received two CPS Reports. The first report was screened out, and the second report was screened in and investigated.

Prior to this current (October 24, 2010) incident, the agency screened in and investigated three CPS Reports on the family in 2010.

#### 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 screened in an allegation of maltreatment for another child in this family's household. The agency unsubstantiated maltreatment and determined the child safe.

In February 2010, two reports of alleged maltreatment to this child (i.e., current incident) were received, screened in and investigated by the agency. The first report of alleged maltreatment by a relative in the household was unsubstantiated, and the child was determined safe. The second report was investigated, and neglect to the child by her mother was substantiated. The family was assessed, and the child was determined unsafe in her mother's care. She was placed in foster care and later moved to relative care. The family received Ongoing Services from the agency, and the child was reunified

with her mother in May 2010. Ongoing Services continued after the reunification.

In September 2010, the agency screened in an allegation of neglect to the child by her mother and began assessing the family. During the assessment, the child was hospitalized as a result of the current incident. The September allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. See the following section for information about the current incident.

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

On October 25, 2010, the agency screened in and investigated an allegation of neglect to the child by her mother. Maltreatment was substantiated, and the child was determined unsafe in her mother's care. The child was removed from her mother and placed with a relative. The mother's visits with the child are supervised. The family is receiving Ongoing Services, including assistance with follow-up care for the child and other services for the child and her mother.

**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 the report of maltreatment and collaborated with law enforcement during the investigation. Neglect to the child by her mother was substantiated. The child was removed from her mother's care and upon discharge from the hospital was placed with a relative. The mother's visits with the child are supervised. The family continues to receive Ongoing Services from the agency.

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

The agency is working on increasing the effectiveness of safety plans for families with substance abuse. The agency is also improving policy and practice around collaboration with medical professionals on child maltreatment cases.

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

The initial assessment is not in compliance with the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards. The DSP is working with the agency to address practice issues identified in this case review.

**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.