

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

Case Tracking Number: 101124DSP-PN-66 Agency: Waupaca County Dept. of Health and Human Services

Child Information: Age: 7 months Gender:  Female  Male  
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian  
Special needs: None prior to incident

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

Date of Incident: 11/23/10

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

The child was referred by his doctor to Children's Hospital in Milwaukee for evaluation following an appointment where the parents and doctor discussed the large size of the child's head. Children's Hospital found fluid and blood on the child's brain. The child was diagnosed to have bilateral subdural hemorrhages with hematomas of varying ages. The injuries were "highly concerning" for abusive head trauma. The parents denied any history of trauma that may have caused the child's injury. They were unable to provide a reasonable explanation for the injury. The child and his older sibling spend most of their time in the care of their parents.

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

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The agency unsubstantiated maltreatment to the sibling. Both children were determined unsafe in their parents' care and placed with relatives. The agency collaborated with law enforcement during the investigation, interviewing the parents and other relatives. Family members reported that they had not witnessed any concerning parenting or disciplinary practices for either parent, but that there were other concerning behaviors such as drug use during the pregnancy and the father losing his temper. The parents regularly sought medical care for the children as needed, and the child's injury was discovered during an office visit. Medical professionals concluded the injury was highly concerning for abusive head trauma, but it was not possible to identify any specific person(s) responsible for the injury. No one has been criminally charged in connection with the child's injuries.

### Additional information for children in home:

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

The infant resided with his mother, father and older sibling.

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:**

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 living in this household and the child's parents and alleged maltreater at the age of 18 years or older:**

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 by an unknown maltreater. Maltreatment to the child's sibling was unsubstantiated. Both children were determined unsafe in their parents' care and placed with relatives. The children were later placed into another relative's home. The parents' visits with the children are supervised. The injured child is receiving specialized services and the family is receiving Ongoing Services from the agency.

**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 allegations of physical abuse to the child, substantiating physical abuse by an unknown maltreater. The child's sibling was examined and found to have no injuries. Maltreatment to the sibling was unsubstantiated. The children were determined unsafe and removed from their parents' home. The children were placed with relatives and later moved to the home of another relative. Visits between the parents and children are supervised. The child was referred to and is receiving services as a result of his injuries. The family is receiving Ongoing 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.