

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

Case Tracking Number: 110213DSP-Vilas-79 Agency: Vilas County Dept. of Social Services

Child Information: Age: 1 week Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: 2/13/11

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

On February 13, 2011, the mother called the RN hotline for advice because the baby was not strongly taking her bottle. She stated that prior to this, the baby had fallen out of bed. She was instructed to take the baby to the emergency room. The mother explained that the baby was very fussy from 1:00-3:00 AM, and the mother was so exhausted she fell asleep. She felt the baby slipping and attempted to catch her but was unable to do so, and the baby fell. The baby cried for a brief time and eventually fell asleep. A CT scan at the ER indicated the baby had subarachnoid and subdural bleeding. She was then taken to another hospital, where it was determined that there was no intracranial hemorrhage. Another CT scan showed two small spots that appeared to be blood. After reviewing the scan repeatedly, the doctor indicated the spots could have been from the fall or from birth, and the baby is not injured. The baby was released from the hospital and returned home on February 14.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

Physical abuse to the infant was unsubstantiated and neglect to both children was unsubstantiated. The children were determined safe in their parents care. Please see previous section for material circumstances. It was determined that the CT images were read incorrectly at the first hospital, and further neurosurgical management was not needed.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child lives with her 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 responded to the report of injuries to the child and possible neglect to both children. Maltreatment to both children was unsubstantiated. The child fell from the parents' bed, but was not injured. The incident was determined an accident by the agency and law enforcement. The agency assisted the family by connecting them to needed financial resources. The family has support from family members, friends and local parents' groups. The agency provided the parents with information about the dangers of infant co-sleeping and shaken babies. No other services were need and the case was closed.

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 responded the same day to the allegations of injuries to the baby. The worker collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals during the investigation. The worker also ensured that the parents followed through on a subsequent medical appointment that also confirmed that the baby was healthy and uninjured. The incident was deemed an accident. Maltreatment to both children was unsubstantiated, and the children were determined safe in their parents' care. The agency connected the family to financial resources, and educated the parents on the dangers of co-sleeping and shaken babies. No other services were needed, and the agency closed the case.

***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.