

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

Case Tracking Number: 110227DSP-Polk-85 Agency: Polk County Human Services Department

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

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

Date of Incident: 2/27/11

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

On February 27, 2011, the child was taken to the emergency room and subsequently transferred to Children's Hospital in St. Paul, MN. The child was the victim of severe child abuse that occurred in conjunction with a domestic assault on the child's mother. The mother reported that her boyfriend was drinking earlier in the evening, and they began arguing around 10:00 p.m. When the mother attempted to take her children from the home, the boyfriend pushed her down, beat on her and then grabbed the youngest child, taking him into the bathroom. When they emerged from the bathroom, the child was injured. The child suffered multiple severe impacts to his face, head and ear, resulting in hemorrhaging in his eyes, a chipped incisor and lacerations on the tongue and bottom lip. Liver enzymes were elevated, suggesting that there was likely some liver injury. He also had patterned injuries on his neck that are often seen when a child is yanked and pulled by his clothing, causing the clothing to be pulled into his skin. The boyfriend's child and another child of the mother present at the time were uninjured. The boyfriend has been incarcerated and charged with Child Abuse - Intentional Causion of Bodily Harm; Felony Possession of a Firearm; Operating a Firearm While Intoxicated; 2 counts of Disorderly Conduct; Strangulation and Suffocation; Battery; and 2 counts of Causing Mental Harm to a Child.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by the mother's boyfriend. The mother reported that she and the boyfriend have a history of domestic abuse that involves him punching and choking her, but law enforcement was never called. The boyfriend also has a criminal history of domestic abuse charges involving a previous girlfriend. A no-contact order was issued against the boyfriend for the mother, her children, the boyfriend's previous girlfriend, and his children with the girlfriend.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child resided with his mother, sibling, and mother's boyfriend. The boyfriend's children visited the residence.

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 to the child by the mother's boyfriend. The child was determined safe in his mother's care. The mother was referred to and is receiving services. The boyfriend is receiving treatment and will report to

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jail upon discharge from treatment. There is a no contact order in place prohibiting the boyfriend from having contact with the mother and child. The mother declined further services from the agency, 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 the allegation of maltreatment to the injured child. Physical abuse to the child by the boyfriend was substantiated. The agency assisted the mother with needed services for herself and her children. The mother declined further services and closed the case.

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

The initial assessment and safety assessment were not completed in compliance with the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards and the CPS Safety Intervention Standards. The DSP is working with the agency to address these issues.

***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.