

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

Case Tracking Number: 110405DSP-Col-95 Agency: Columbia County Dept. of Health and Human Services

Child Information: Age: 17 years Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: Type 1 diabetes mellitus

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

Date of Incident: 4/5/11

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

The youth was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital in Madison for severe diabetic ketoacidosis, which can be fatal if left unmonitored. The child has a history of poorly controlled blood sugars and was admitted to the hospital several times in the past 7 months. The child has been missing school because she is ill. Reportedly, the child is responsible for checking her blood sugar and taking her insulin. When her parents check on her, she is not always truthful about following through on this self-care. The child also refuses to go to the doctor. The family has been under a great deal of stress for various reasons.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency unsubstantiated neglect and found the child safe in her parents' care. The parents have struggled with these same issues with this child for several months. The parents are responsible for the child's treatment and care until she is 18 years old; however, she is uncooperative and misleads them. The child confessed that she would tell her parents that she was eating, checking her levels and taking insulin when she was not. The parents used emergency medical services several times to get her to the doctor. The initial assessment determined that the parents acted responsibly in regards to their daughter's medical and other needs.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child resides with her mother, father and a 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:

In September 2010 the agency worked with the family in response to a report about the same issue, their child's diabetes and health. See follow section.

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:

September 21, 2010 the agency screened in and investigated a report of alleged medical neglect to the child by her parents. The report was unsubstantiated and the child was determined safe in the care of her parents. The agency referred the family to needed services and closed the case at the end of the initial assessment.

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 unsubstantiated maltreatment to the child by her parents and determined her safe in their care. The child received medical and other services to address identified needs. The child's treatment includes the use of software where the results of her blood sugar checks are downloaded, allowing the parents to consistently view and monitor her condition.

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She explained that she had never gotten this sick before and does not want it to happen again. The parents were referred to additional services to address other family problems.

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 the report of alleged neglect, which was unsubstantiated. Agency staff collaborated with medical professionals regarding the child's medical needs. The parents and child were referred to services to address other needs identified during the initial assessment.

***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 and the Safety Intervention Standards. The DSP is working with the agency to address the identified 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.