

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

Case Tracking Number: 110415DSP-Fond-101 Agency: Fond du Lac County Department of Social Services

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

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

Date of Incident: April 15, 2011

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

On April 15, 2011, at approximately 8:00 a.m., the mother found the child in distress and foaming at the mouth and nose. The mother took the child to the grandmother, who began CPR while 911 was contacted. The child was later pronounced deceased. The child was reportedly healthy prior to his death. The medical examiner conducted an autopsy and found that the cause of death was Group B Streptococcal Sepsis with "other significant condition of high risk sleeping environment." The mother had placed the child on a blanket on a bean bag chair to sleep.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency screened in the report and conducted an investigation. The mother reported that she wrapped the child in a blanket to prevent him from rolling and put him to bed around midnight on pillows on his bedroom floor. The mother explained that she had not had time to assemble the pack and play in which he normally slept. The mother checked on the child at approximately 5:00 a.m. and found that he was awake. She then put the child on a blanket on a bean bag chair and turned on the television for him. The mother reported that she went back to bed and then checked on the child again at approximately 8:00 a.m., when she found the child unresponsive and foaming at the mouth and nose. The mother immediately took the child to her mother, who resides downstairs. The grandmother began CPR on the child until paramedics arrived. Based on the autopsy results, the agency found the allegation of maltreatment unsubstantiated.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child resided with his mother and her significant other. The maternal grandparents resided in the lower level apartment of the home.

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:

None

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 screened in the report concerning the child's death and conducted an investigation. The agency worker interviewed family members, made a visit to the home, and obtained information from collateral sources. The allegations were unsubstantiated based on information gathered and autopsy results. There were no other children in the home. The mother was offered grief counseling services in the community but declined. The agency closed the case after

investigation.

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:

n/a

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

n/a

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.

n/a

*** Summary of actions taken by agency in response to the incident:**

The agency screened in the report and conducted an investigation. The allegation of maltreatment of the child was unsubstantiated. The mother declined an offer to refer her to services in the community. The agency's case was closed with no further action.

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

The Initial Assessment was not completed in the 60-day timeframe required by statute. The agency is aware of this and is addressing the issue.

***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.