

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

Case Tracking Number: 110722DSP-Dane-131 Agency: Dane County Dept. of Human Services

Child Information: Age: 5 months Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian-African American
Special needs: Cerebral palsy

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

Date of Incident: 7/22/11

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

The child was taken to the hospital by ambulance after the mother noticed that his shoulder was swollen. The child was found to have a clavicle fracture, two healing rib fractures, an older fracture to his right tibia, and was diagnosed with failure to thrive. It was determined there were no medical reasons related to the child's disability and cause of the injuries. The child had several caregivers in the days prior to the clavicle injury. Reportedly, the mother noticed the swollen shoulder after picking him up from his father's home on July 22, 2011. No criminal charges have been filed in connection with the injuries.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater, and he was determined unsafe. The infant has cerebral palsy and special care needs, but it was determined he had sustained multiple injuries over a period of time unrelated to his disability. The infant had many caregivers in different households where multiple other people were present, and a specific maltreater could not be identified. It was determined that the infant's failure to thrive was not due to maltreatment, but rather was related to challenging special needs that require feeding via a g-tube.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child resided primarily with his mother and the mother's boyfriend, in the home of the mother's relatives. The baby started visits with his father on July 4, 2011 in the father's home where he resides with his relatives.

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 infant by an unknown maltreater. The child was determined unsafe, and placed into foster care upon discharge from the hospital. The agency assessed both of the households where the child's parents resided and cared for him. Both parents are teenagers, and the agency is working with them to improve their parenting skills. Prior to this incident, there were no reports regarding concerns about the parents' care. The mother ensured the child received regular medical care and services for his developmental delays. The father's visits with the child started on July 4, 2011, and his visits with the infant occurred in his family's home. Family and friends were assisting with care for the child who has extensive care needs, providing the young mother with needed breaks. The injuries occurred

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over a period of time, and at the end of the assessment the cause(s) of the injuries remained unexplained, and the maltreater(s) could not be identified. The case remains open for Ongoing Services case management.

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 injuries to the infant. Physical abuse by an unknown maltreater was substantiated, and the infant was determined unsafe. The agency implemented a protective plan requiring supervised visits between family members and the child while he was in the hospital. Upon discharge from the hospital, the agency took temporary physical custody of the child and placed him into foster care. Visits with the child, parents and various family members continue to be supervised. The initial assessment identified needed services, and the agency is working with both parents. The case remains open for Ongoing Services case management.

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

Prior to the DSP case review, the agency identified two initial assessment practice issues that have already been addressed by the agency. No other issues were identified by the DSP.

***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.