

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

Reports submitted to the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) that do not include all of the required information will be returned to the agency for proper completion. Do not identify individuals by name when completing this report. Individuals may be referenced by relationship or position; e.g., mother, father, child, sibling, physician, detective, etc.

Case Tracking Number: 111006DSP-Milw-183 **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Scope of DSP Review of Incident

- No Review. The information contained in this report was provided by the agency.
 90-Day Review

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: Unknown Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None known

Date of Incident: 10/6/11

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

On October 6th, the agency received a report of a deceased infant. The alleged maltreater initially told medical and law enforcement professionals that she had given birth to the baby at home and it was stillborn. Further investigation showed that the alleged maltreater had not recently given birth and that the deceased infant was not a product of natural birth. The alleged maltreater admitted that she had sought out a pregnant woman and taken her back to her home. Once there, she incapacitated the woman and cut the infant from her body. The woman died as a result of her injuries, and the infant did not survive the forcible removal from his mother. The maltreater has been charged with two felony counts: 1st Degree Intentional Homicide and 1st Degree Intentional Homicide-Unborn Child. A criminal charge is an allegation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Findings by agency, including maltreatment determination and material circumstances leading to incident:

The 10/6/11 referral alleging physical abuse to the infant by the alleged maltreater was screened in and assessed. The referral was substantiated, as the maltreater admitted to seeking a pregnant woman, killing the mother and cutting the infant from her body. Her intent was to present the baby as her own. The medical examiner determined that the infant had been viable but did not survive the process of being removed from his mother. The agency found the maltreater's children in need of protection and services (CHIPS), and the children were placed into out-of-home care.

Child's residence at the time of incident: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Complete the appropriate following section (A. or B. based on the child's residence at the time of the incident).

A. Children residing at home at the time of the incident:

Description of the child's family (includes household members, noncustodial parent and other children that have visitation with the child and/or in the child's family home):

Prior to the incident, the now deceased pregnant mother lived with her husband and their three children.

Yes No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, any member of the child's 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: (Does not include the current incident.)

The family of the deceased infant does not have a prior history of referrals or services with the agency.

The alleged maltreater has the following history with the agency:

On 10/19/08, referrals alleging neglect by the mother to her 10-year-old daughter (now 13-year-old), 8-year-old son (now 11-year-old) and 3 year-old daughter (now 6-year-old), as well as a referral alleging sexual abuse to the 10-year-old (now 13-year-old) by a neighbor were screened in, assessed and substantiated. The children were taken into protective custody and placed in out-of-home care. The family received ongoing case management services until July of 2009, at which time the children had been successfully reunified with the mother, and the case was closed.

A 2/14/08 referral alleging neglect by the mother to the 9-year-old (now 13-year-old), 7-year-old (now 11-year-old) and 3 year old (now 6-year-old) was screened in, assessed and unsubstantiated. Due to concerns about the mother's ability to appropriately supervise her children and provide for their basic needs, the case was referred to Safety Services. The family worked with Safety Services until May of 2008, at which time the mother reported the children were leaving the country to stay with relatives, so the case was closed.

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. (Does not include the current incident.)

(Note: Screened out reports listed in this section may include only the date of the report, screening decision, and if a referral to services occurred at Access. Reports that do not constitute a reasonable suspicion of maltreatment or a reason to believe that a child is threatened with harm are not required to be screened in for an initial assessment, and no further action is required by the agency.)

See previous section

Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child's family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the child and child's family since the date of the incident:

The agency screened in and assessed the allegation of physical abuse to this infant by the alleged maltreater. The agency substantiated the allegation as the medical examiner determined that the infant had been viable prior to removal from his mother. The maltreater admitted to killing the mother and cutting the infant from her womb, after which the infant died. The maltreater has been charged with two felony counts: 1st Degree Intentional Homicide and 1st Degree Intentional Homicide-Unborn Child. The maltreater's children were taken into custody and placed into out-of-home care, where they continue to receive Ongoing Services case management.

B. Children residing 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 any actions taken by agency in response to the incident: (Check all that apply.)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening of Access report | <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted or successful reunification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Services case management | <input type="checkbox"/> Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): |

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Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified during the review of the incident:

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Division of Safety and Permanence

None - No DSP review

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:

None - No DSP review

Yes No Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

If the case review was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.

The agency must submit an electronic copy of the completed 90-Day Summary Report to PaulaL.Brown@wisconsin.gov