

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

Case Tracking Number: 111002DSP-Racin-157 Agency: Racine County Human Services Dept.

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

Child Information: Age: 2 years Gender:  Female  Male  
Race or Ethnicity: African American  
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: 10/20/11

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

The child was taken to the emergency room by her mother, who reported that the child had fallen and struck her forehead. The child was unresponsive upon arrival at the ER and had bruising to several parts of her body. She was transported to Children's Hospital where she was later pronounced dead. The child's injuries included severe head trauma, bruising, and a lacerated pancreas with bleeding in the abdomen. The head and abdominal injuries were fatal, inflicted by multiple impacts to those areas. The mother explained that the child fell, striking her forehead, around 4:00 pm on October 19. Her mother brought her to the ER shortly after midnight on October 20. The explanation provided by the mother and the mother's boyfriend did not explain the extent of the child's injuries, which were determined caused by abuse. The mother has been criminally charged with Neglecting a Child - Consequence is Death. The mother's boyfriend has been criminally charged with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Intentional Homicide and Child Abuse - Intentional Causion of Great Bodily Harm.

### Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the deceased child and physical abuse/threatened harm to the siblings by the mother's boyfriend. The agency substantiated neglect to the deceased child and her siblings by their mother. Sexual abuse to one of the siblings by the boyfriend was also substantiated. The child was injured in the mother's presence, and the mother failed to take the child to the ER until several hours following the incident.

The case record does not contain required information regarding the surrounding circumstances that accompanied or led to the maltreatment.

### Additional information for children in home:

#### Description of the child's family:

There are differing accounts of the composition of the child's household at the time of the incident in the case record. It appears that child lived with his siblings, their mother, a relative of the mother, and the mother's boyfriend. The children's biological father resides in a different state.

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:

On 10/17/12 the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to a sibling. Contact with the family occurred on October 20 after receiving the CPS Report regarding the child's serious injuries.

#### 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:

See following 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:

Mother:

On 9/23/11, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the now deceased child. Maltreatment was unsubstantiated, and the case was closed.

On 5/18/10 & 4/1/10 the agency received and screened out two reports.

On 8/8/09, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect. Maltreatment was unsubstantiated, the family declined services and the case was closed.

Mother's boyfriend:

On 7/8/10, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the boyfriend's child. Physical abuse by an unknown maltreater was substantiated. The boyfriend could not be located during the assessment, and the case was closed.

**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 deceased child by the boyfriend, and physical abuse/threatened harm to the child's siblings by the boyfriend. Neglect to the deceased child and siblings by their mother was substantiated. Sexual abuse to one of the siblings by the boyfriend was substantiated. The agency had the siblings medically examined after receiving the report of the child's serious injuries. One sibling had an injury to his face that he reported was caused by the boyfriend. The other sibling's medical exam was found concerning for sexual abuse. The children were taken into temporary physical custody, initially placed in a foster home and later moved to placement with relatives. The mother and boyfriend are incarcerated. The agency continues to work with the family, including the biological father of the children who is living in another state. 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 two CPS Reports occurring within days of each other. Physical abuse, neglect, threatened harm and sexual abuse were substantiated. The surviving siblings were determined unsafe and removed from their mother's care. The agency sought immediate medical examinations for the siblings. They were initially placed in a foster home and later moved to the home of relatives. The agency contacted and continues to work with the children's biological father. The case remains open for Ongoing Services.

For DSP completion only:

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

The Initial Assessment is not in compliance with the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards. The DSP conducted an on-site review of this case and is working with the agency to address identified issues.

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

None

\*This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

Yes  No  Not Applicable

\* If this case is undergoing a review that was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.