

## 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: 111109DSP-Milw-170 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: 2 months Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: Hispanic

Special Needs: None known

Date of Incident: 11/9/11

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

On November 9th, the agency received a report regarding a two-month-old baby who had been pronounced dead in her home. The alleged father stated that he got into bed with the baby and her 5-year-old half sister, and they went to sleep. The mother had been out with the other adult female in the home and returned between 1 and 2 am. The mother had been drinking alcohol, but denied that she was intoxicated or significantly impaired. The mother reported that the baby appeared to be fine when she came to bed and went to sleep. Both the mother and the alleged father awoke at approximately 4am. They reported that there were no concerns with the baby at that time; the alleged father went to work and the mother went back to sleep. The 8-year-old child came into the room at approximately 8am and noticed that the baby's lips were blue. He awoke the mother, who began screaming and trying to wake the baby; this woke the other adult female in the home and she called 911. The paramedics arrived and attempted to revive the baby, however, their efforts were unsuccessful and she was pronounced dead at the scene. The cause of death was suffocation due to co-sleeping.

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

The 11/09/11 referral alleging neglect by the mother to the 8-year-old boy, 5-year-old girl, 3-year-old boy, and 2 month old girl was screened in and assessed. The allegations of neglect by the mother to the children were unsubstantiated.

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 baby resided with her mother, 8-year-old half brother, 5-year-old half sister, 3-year-old half brother, and her alleged father. The family resided in a home with family friends. The additional household members are/were an adult male, an adult female, a 17-year-old boy, and a two-year-old boy.

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.)

On 12/08/09, a referral was screened in alleging neglect by the mother to the 6-year-old (now 8-year-old), 3-year-old (now 5-year-old), 10-month-old (now 3-year-old) and one-month-old (now 2-year-old). The worker met with the 6-year-old (now 8-year-old) but was unable to meet with the rest of the family despite multiple attempts, therefore the case was closed

as unable to locate.

A referral alleging neglect by the mother to the 6-year old (now 8-year-old), 3-year-old (now 5-year-old), 10 month old (now 3-year-old) and one month old (now 2-year-old) was screened in on 10/02/09. A referral alleging sexual abuse to the 6-year old (now 8-year-old) and 3-year-old (now 5-year-old) by a family friend was screened in on 10/08/08. The referrals were assessed together and unsubstantiated as there was no evidence of maltreatment.

A Service Report requesting a court ordered home study of a family friend petitioning for private guardianship of the one-month-old baby (now 2-year-old) was screened in on 10/2/09. The petition was not granted, as the family friend's significant other is the child's adjudicated father and assists in the child's care.

In 2008, there were three screened in allegations:

- 3/24/08 Neglect by the mother to her 4-year-old son (now 8-year-old), 1-year-old daughter (now 5-year-old), and one month old son (now 3-year-old) and sexual abuse to the 1-year-old daughter (now 5-year-old) by the mother's boyfriend.
- 4/02/08 Neglect by the mother to her 4-year-old son (now 8-year-old), 1-year-old daughter (now 5-year-old), and one month old son (now 3-year-old).
- 4/24/08 Sexual abuse to the 4-year-old son (now 8-year-old) and 1-year-old daughter (now 5-year-old) by the mother's boyfriend.
- The referrals were assessed together and unsubstantiated. The family worked with Safety Services from December 2007 until August 2008, at which time the case was successfully closed.

On 2/06/08, a referral was screened in alleging neglect by the mother to her 4-year-old son (now 8-year-old) and 1-year-old daughter (now 5-year-old). The referral was assessed and unsubstantiated. The mother had not been in contact with the Safety Services Case Manager due to giving birth to her third child. The mother made contact with the assigned case manager and continued to cooperate with Safety Services.

A 12/27/07 referral alleging neglect by the mother to her 4-year-old son (now 8-year-old) and 1-year-old daughter (now 5-year-old) was screened in, assessed and unsubstantiated. The family worked with Safety Services from December 2007 until August 2008, at which time the case was successfully 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 belief of maltreatment or threatened harm may not 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, assessed, and unsubstantiated the allegations of neglect by the mother to the children. The case was closed and the family was provided with bereavement resources.

**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:**

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

Screening of Access report

Attempted or successful reunification

**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Division of Safety and Permanence

- Protective plan implemented
- Initial assessment conducted
- Safety plan implemented
- Temporary physical custody of child
- Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Referral to services
- Transportation assistance
- Collaboration with law enforcement
- Collaboration with medical professionals
- Supervised visitation
- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- Other (describe):

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

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](mailto:PaulaL.Brown@wisconsin.gov)