

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: 120105DSP-Fond-173 **Agency:** Fond du Lac County Dept. of Social Services

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: 6 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 1/5/12

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

Reporter stated that the mother of the child took sleeping pills and gave twelve pills to her six-year-old daughter. Reporter stated that the mother was placed on emergency hold and the child was treated and then transferred to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin for further treatment and evaluation. Both the child and mother survived. The mother has been criminally charged with 1st Degree Intentional Homicide and 1st Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety.

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

As a result of this investigation it was determined that a preponderance of evidence did exist to support a finding of abuse, as defined in 48.13(3) to the child by her mother. On 01/05/2012 the mother went to school and removed the child from school, telling school staff that she had a medical appointment, and telling the child that she had a very special surprise for her at home. When the child and mother arrived at their home, the mother, according to information received from the child and confirmed by the mother herself, gave the child a lethal amount of sleeping pills, instructing her to wash them down with Dr. Pepper Soda. After the child swallowed the pills, the mother instructed her to go to bed and take a nap. The mother overdosed on her medications and took a knife into the bedroom that she shared with her boyfriend, to confront him regarding some text messages that she found on his cellphone. The mother has admitted to Law Enforcement that she intended to kill herself and the child, because she did not want to leave the child behind. Medical staff has confirmed that without immediate medical intervention, the child would have died from the pills that she injected.

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):

The mother has had the child in her care since her birth. The father has never resided with the mother and child. The mother and child resided with the mother's boyfriend for the past two years.

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:

Prior to the referral on 01/05/2012, Fond du Lac County Department of Social Services had referred the case to Juvenile Intake for concerns involving neglect allegations, where a referral to Juvenile Intake was submitted and an Intake Inquiry meeting was scheduled. A safety plan was in place that gave relatives care and control of the child in their home while the mother was seeking treatment. The mother had regular contact with the child in the relatives' home as stipulated in the safety plan. The case was in transition to ongoing services when the second CPS referral was received.

On 01/03/2012, as part of the Safety Plan monitoring, IASW did call the mother at home and did tell her to come in to DSS. The mother initially stated that it would not be possible for her to come to DSS, since she had a medical appointment. However, upon insistence by IASW she did finally agree that she could stop by, on her way to her doctor appointment. At this time the IASW and Ongoing SW discussed that the child was unable to return to mother's care, because further treatment was needed prior to considering this change.

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.)

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. (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 has been threatened with harm are not required to be screened in for an initial assessment, and no further action is required by the agency.)

On 11/16/2011, Fond du Lac County Department of Social Services received a report alleging neglect of the child by her mother. This allegation was unsubstantiated, but impending dangers were found and the case was referred to Juvenile Intake for review. A safety plan was devised, where the child was under the primary care of relatives while the mother was seeking treatment.

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:

Juvenile Intake Worker placed the child with a relative on a TPC Order and the Detention Hearing was scheduled for 01/06/2012. This TPC order stipulated that the mother could not have any contact with the child.

On 01/06/2012 IASW and Ongoing SW did attend the Detention Hearing. At that time the TPC Order was upheld, which included the no contact order and a CHIPS petition was filed on behalf of child. The placement provider was also given the legal ability to sign medical documents for the child. The mother was present via video transmission from the jail.

On 01/07/2011 ongoing SW went to the home of the placement provider to do a safety check of the home. SW determined that the home was safe for placement of the child. The case continues to be opened for ongoing services. The child has been enrolled in trauma counseling. Placement provider is currently being licensed for foster care in order to continue to provide long term care for the child. Case management services are being provided.

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.)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening of Access report | <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted or successful reunification |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance |
| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input checked="" 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 |

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