

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: 120215DSP-Milw-189 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: 4 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Hispanic

Special Needs: Down's Syndrome with birth defect to her heart

Date of Incident: 2/14/12

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

On February 15, the agency received a report regarding a deceased child, and no maltreatment was suspected at that time. The father reported that he fed the child at approximately 6pm and put her down for a nap at 7pm. He stated that when he checked on her a short time later, he found her cold and unresponsive. The father's girlfriend called 911, while the father attempted to revive the child. The paramedics performed CPR and then transported the child to Children's Hospital, where she was placed on life support and later pronounced dead. The medical examiner determined the cause of death as pneumonia.

On March 21, the agency received a second report on the same child. Further autopsy results showed the child had an abrasion to the side of her head, swelling in her brain, and two areas of hemorrhaging. The medical examiner stated that these injuries were due to blunt force trauma and indicative of physical abuse. Law enforcement was unable to determine who had caused the child's injuries, and no criminal charges were filed.

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

The 3/21/12 referral alleging physical abuse to the child by the biological parents was screened in and assessed. The allegation was substantiated as physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The medical examiner determined the child had sustained head injuries indicative of physical abuse prior to her death, and it is unclear who inflicted these injuries. Due to this uncertainty, the father was referred to intensive in home services, and his family is currently receiving services to ensure the safety of the remaining children in the home. The mother did not make herself available to the agency and has no other children in her home. Prior to this incident, the family was unknown to the child welfare system.

- Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?
 Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom?

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 child lived with her mother. She also spent a significant amount of time at her father's residence. The father's household consists of the father, his significant other, their child together (i.e., half-sibling of the deceased child) and the significant other's child.

- 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.)

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. (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 the 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.)

None

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 child by her mother and father. The agency substantiated the allegation of physical abuse by an unknown maltreater. The head injuries the child sustained prior to death were indicative of physical abuse; however, it is unclear who inflicted these injuries. Due to this uncertainty, the father's family is currently receiving intensive in home services to ensure the safety of the children in the home.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency |
| <input 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:

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