

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: 120410DSP-Milw-195 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: 14 years Gender: Female Male

Age: 16 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 4/10/12

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

On April 10, 2012, the agency received a report alleging physical abuse of a 14-year-old girl by her father. The child was taken for medical treatment where it was discovered she had multiple injuries, too numerous to count. The injuries consisted of loop shaped bruises, injuries, healed and open sores primarily on her arms and legs. The child reported being "caned" the previous day with a piece of wire and regularly beaten by her father while her stepmother watches. The child's sister was also examined and had older scars that appeared to be whip marks on her back. The medical report describes the injuries to the 14 year old as caused by an extremely violent assault and consistent with torture. The father has been criminally charged with 2 counts of Human Trafficking, 3 counts of Child Abuse - Intentional Causion of Bodily Harm, Neglecting a Child - Consequence is Bodily Harm and Neglecting a Child. The stepmother has been charged with 7 counts of Child Abuse - Intentional Causion of Bodily Harm and Neglecting a 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 agency substantiated physical abuse to the 14-year-old child by her father. Neglect to the 14 year old and her older sister by their father's wife was substantiated. The two girls and 3 younger siblings were determined unsafe in the care of the parents.

The 14-year-old came from another country to live with her father when she was 7 years old. The 16-year-old child and an older child (now 18 years old), both relatives of the father, were relocated to the father's home from another country approximately 2 years ago. The oldest child had moved out and was staying in a shelter at the time this incident was reported.

The two girls reportedly were being home schooled but had significant responsibilities for the care of the household and other children. The girls received extreme punishments for minor infractions, such as talking to people. The 14 year old's most recent beating occurred because her pen ran out of ink while she was attempting to do schoolwork. Reportedly, she was forced to do push-ups while being beaten with a thick chord similar to a connector cable for electronics. The older sister was assigned more responsibility for child care and maintaining the household, which caused her to fall behind in her school work. Food was withheld from both of the girls, and they were not allowed to eat with the rest of the family. The stepmother would watch and encourage the beatings of the 14 year old. Both girls reported that the stepmother would slap their faces multiple times, alternating hands during the incidents. The 14-year-old girl allegedly was violently beaten with a wire or chord on a regular basis. Both girls were secluded from society and treated like household slaves. It is suspected that the younger children were being groomed to adopt their parents' abusive behavior towards their older siblings.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? Father and his wife

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 household was headed by the father and his wife. The father and his wife had 3 younger children together. The 14 and 16 year olds allegedly were related to the father when brought here from another country. Reportedly, the father adopted the 16-year-old girl, and the 14-year-old girl is his biological child. Another child, 18 years old and also a relative of the father, was also brought here from another country, reportedly having to leave behind her baby. The oldest child had moved out of the home at the time of the report on this incident.

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.)

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. (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.)

On 10/29/08 a report alleging physical abuse to the 14 year old by her stepmother was screened in and assessed.

Maltreatment was unsubstantiated and the child was determined safe. The agency closed the case.

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 the report alleging physical abuse to the 14-year-old child. Physical abuse and neglect to the 14 year old and neglect to the 16 year old were substantiated. The girls and their younger sibling were determined unsafe in the care of the parents. The 14 year old described her life as, "I feel like I am living in a cage." One of the younger children began emulating his mother's treatment of the girls. The agency placed the children into foster care. The family receives Ongoing Services case management from the agency. In addition to CPS and law enforcement, the FBI and Immigration Code Enforcement were also involved in this case.

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 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 checked="" 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 |

Other (describe):

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

None

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

None

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