

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: 120517DSP-Keno-204 **Agency:** Kenosha County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 6 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 5/17/12

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

On 5/17/12, the agency received a report regarding a six-month-old child who had been taken to the hospital after the mother saw the child was blue and not breathing. The family was staying in a hotel and the children were sitting on the floor eating breakfast. The mother reported that the child was choking on a piece of breakfast sausage which she picked up off the floor. The mother and hotel staff attempted CPR until paramedics responded. The child was taken to a local hospital and was eventually taken to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin via Flight for Life. Medical staff were unable to locate any food in the child's throat; however, they did find severe retinal hemorrhaging of her eyes. Medical staff explained that while they could not say the retinal hemorrhages were a result of abuse, it was highly suspicious for abuse. The child died on 5/20/12 at Children's Hospital. The autopsy did locate a piece of breakfast sausage lodged in the child's throat and noted that the hemorrhaging to the eyes was expected based on the amount of effort that had been put into resuscitating the child. No criminal charges were filed in this case.

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

The agency screened in and assessed an allegation of neglect to the six-month-old by the parents. The agency unsubstantiated neglect to the child. The assessment determined that the children were sitting on the floor eating breakfast. The mother was in the room and turned her back to change another child's diaper. When she looked back at the children, she saw the six-month-old was blue and not breathing. After the child died, an autopsy was conducted and located a piece of sausage in the child's throat. The remaining children were determined safe in the care of their parents.

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):

The child lived with her mother and six-year-old half-brother. The father of the six-month-old lived at the home of his mother (paternal grandmother) with his two-year-old and three-year-old children from a previous relationship.

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. (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 11/8/11, the agency screened out a Services Report. The family was referred to Prevention Services Network and to law enforcement.

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 an allegation of neglect to the child by her parents. Based on information obtained from the autopsy and through the initial assessment, neglect was unsubstantiated. The remaining children were determined to be safe in the care of each parent. The family was referred to community services to assist with the grief process.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input checked="" 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:

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes a 90-day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the Act. The DSP did not identify practice issues during the review of the incident.

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 Tara.Muender@wisconsin.gov