

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: 120608DSP-Brown-317 **Agency:** Brown County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 Months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None Known

Date of Incident: June 8, 2012

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

On June 8, 2012, a 2 month old infant died in the care of her father. However, the agency was not informed of this death and later learned about the death via the news on April 19, 2013. The agency collaborated with law enforcement and Child Protection Services in Michigan, where the mother resided. Michigan Child Protection Services informed the agency that the child was found face down on the corner of a couch and died due to asphyxiation. According to the investigation, which took place in 2012, the child and her sibling were left in the care of their father. Criminal charges of 1st Degree Reckless Homicide and Neglecting a child (Consequence is Death) were filed against the child's father. A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement, Michigan Child Protection Services', and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the county agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate neglect to the child by the child's father, which was supported by the criminal charges. The agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the child by the child's father. It was determined during the course of the assessment, that the mother established residency in Michigan in mid May 2012 and resided with the child and her sibling. The agency collaborated with Michigan Child Protection Services and determined the sibling of the deceased child safe in the mother's home. A Child in Need of Protection or Services was not filed with juvenile Court. The agency closed the case.

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

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 resided with her mother and sibling in Michigan. Their parents were recently separated at the time of the child's death and the father was residing in Wisconsin. The mother and children were visiting the father at the time of death. Although the father has other children, they do not have visitation.

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:

NA

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.)

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 allegations of physical abuse and neglect to the child by the child's father. The Initial Assessment completed by the county agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate neglect to the child by the child's father. The agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the child by the child's father. It was determined during the course of the assessment, that the mother established residency in Michigan in mid May 2012 and resided with the child and her sibling. The agency collaborated with Michigan Child Protection Services and determined the sibling of the deceased child safe in the mother's home. A Child in Need of Protection or Services was not filed with juvenile Court. The agency closed the 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:

NA

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

NA

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.

NA

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 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 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 RobertB.Williams@wisconsin.gov