

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: 120802DSP-Walw-229 **Agency:** Walworth County Dept. of Health and Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 17 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 8/2/12

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

On 8/2/12, the agency received a report regarding a 17-year-old living in deplorable conditions, with concerns regarding the mother's ability to care for the child. The home had a very strong odor, noticeable from outside the residence. The family had numerous dogs, cats, and birds living inside the home. The kitchen counters were completely covered with dishes, food, garbage, and other debris. Throughout the home, the floors were covered with garbage, animal feces, leaves, clothing, blankets, etc. Litter boxes in the home were filled with feces, near the point of overflowing. The child bedroom was so full of debris that the door would only open approximately one foot. The basement housed 20-30 parrots and the basement floor was covered with 1-2 feet of feces. The odor of ammonia and feces from the basement was overwhelming. The home was in the process of being condemned. The child was also experiencing chronic health issues that may have been related to the living conditions in the home. The living conditions began to deteriorate around November 2011 and the mother was unable to maintain the home. Law enforcement and the county Planning and Zoning Department were contacted regarding the condition of the home. No criminal charges have been filed at this time.

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

The agency screened in and assessed the allegation of neglect to the child. Neglect to the child by his mother was substantiated. The living conditions in the home were deplorable and the home was in the process of being condemned. The animals in the home urinated and defecated throughout the residence. The home was also cluttered with garbage, dirty dishes, clothes and other debris. The child became ill with various ailments which his doctor believed was due to the animals and condition of the home. The child was determined to be unsafe in the home. A relative took over care and guardianship of the child. The mother was found to be in need of treatment services, which she has been receiving.

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 in the home with his mother. The child's father passed away in 2008.

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.)

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 assessed the allegation of neglect to the child by his mother, which was substantiated. The child was determined to be unsafe in the home. A relative stepped in to care for the child and guardianship was transferred to that family member. The mother has been receiving treatment services in the community since the time of the report. The agency has 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:

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 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 Tara.Muender@wisconsin.gov