

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: 120826DSP-Milw-237 **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 7 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Asian/Hispanic

Special Needs: Premature birth – chronic congestion

Date of Incident: 8/26/12

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

On 8/26/12, the agency received a report regarding a 7-month-old infant (one of three triplet girls) who was pronounced dead at the hospital. The infant was residing with her sisters in a foster home placement at the time of the incident. The foster parents' babysitter reported that she put the infant to bed at approximately 8:00 pm on 8/25/12. Due to the infant being diagnosed with chronic congestion by her pediatrician, she was strapped in a "nap nanny", which was then placed in a pack and play. A "nap nanny" is a product used for congested children to keep their head/chest upright. The foster father reported that he got up between midnight and 1:00 am because the infant was fussing. He changed her diaper, fed her approximately 2-3 ounces of formula and placed her back in the "nap nanny" with a blanket underneath her head. The babysitter returned to the home at 7:30 am and found the infant unresponsive with the blanket covering her face. The foster father called 911 while the foster mother performed CPR on the infant. The paramedics transported the infant to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead at 8:20 am. The medical examiner determined the infant's death was due to natural causes. Law enforcement was contacted to investigate the infant's death and determined no criminal charges will be filed in this case.

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

The agency screened in the report and assigned an independent agency to conduct the initial assessment due to the incident occurring in a licensed foster home. The allegation of neglect to the infant by the foster parents was unsubstantiated. Based on the information collected during the assessment, the infant's death was not due to any type of abuse or neglect. The agency determined the foster parents had been providing appropriate care for all the children in their home. The remaining children were determined to be safe in the home. The infant's sisters were removed from the foster home during the assessment period.

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):

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:

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.)

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.)

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:

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:

The infant and her siblings were placed in a general foster home due to substantiated allegations of physical abuse to the girls by their biological parents. The foster parents have held a general foster care license since October 2008 and have successfully adopted a previous foster child. Their license is in good standing and there have been no concerns regarding the family’s ability to appropriately meet the needs of the children placed in their care.

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

The placement home consists of the foster mother, foster father, their 6-year-old daughter, their adopted 3-year-old son, and their 1-year-old son. The infant’s two sisters were placed in this home until the infant’s death.

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.

The foster parents have been licensed as a general foster home in this county since October 2010. They were previously licensed as a general foster home through a neighboring county from October 2008-October 2010, at which time the license expired. The family continues to hold a general foster care license. An independent agency conducted an investigation of this home as a result of the current incident and unsubstantiated the allegation of neglect to the infant by the foster parents. The family has no prior referrals.

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 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 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 |
| | <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