

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: 120904DSP-Dane-244 **Agency:** Dane County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 1 month Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 9/4/12

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

On 9/6/12, the agency received a report of a 1-month-old infant who was taken to the emergency room by his parents and admitted two days prior. The infant was taken to a clinic once and the emergency room twice in the previous two days due to a fever. Hospital staff conducted various tests suspecting the infant may have meningitis. A CT scan found a small subdural hematoma. A skeletal survey found seven rib fractures; three on the left and four on the right, all of which were posterior ribs. The infant was had a skull fracture on the back right side on his head. Law enforcement was contacted to investigate the cause of the injuries to the infant. The parents were initially unable to provide an explanation for the infant's multiple injuries. During a subsequent interview with the father, he admitted to harming the infant the morning of 9/4/12. The father stated the infant was crying and he picked him up fast and squeezed the child harder than normal. The father tried to burp the child, which didn't stop the crying, so he threw or dropped the infant back on the couch. The father reported being mad because he wanted the infant to sleep so he could do things around the house. The father has been criminally charged with one count of Child Abuse-Intentionally Cause Great Bodily Harm. 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 screened in the report and collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The agency substantiated physical abuse to the infant by his father. The father admitted to squeezing and throwing the infant after the infant would not go to sleep and continued to cry. The mother returned to work less than three weeks after giving birth to the infant. The father was not working and became the primary caregiver for the infant and the other children in the home. The infant and his 2-year-old sister were initially taken into custody and placed outside of the parental home. The agency recommended the children return to the mother's care after the father admitted causing the injuries to the infant and agreed to live in another location. The criminal court order the father to have no contact with the children. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed in juvenile court by the agency.

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 infant lived with his mother, father, 2-year-old sister, maternal grandfather, maternal uncle (age 8), and maternal aunt (age 11) in the maternal grandfather's 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:

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 7/27/09, the agency screened out a report alleging inappropriate discipline to the now 8-year-old and now 11-year-old by the maternal grandfather. The family was referred to community services.

On 8/25/10, the agency screened out a report alleging neglect to the now 8-year-old and now 11-year-old by the maternal grandfather.

On 3/4/11, the agency screened in a report alleging neglect to the now 11-year-old by her mother. The allegation was unsubstantiated and 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 collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment regarding this incident. Physical abuse to the infant by the father was substantiated. The infant and his 2-year-old sister were removed from the home initially; however, were returned to the care of the mother after the father admitted to causing the injuries to the infant and leaving the home. The father was ordered by criminal court to have no contact with the children. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition in juvenile court and the family continues to receive ongoing case management services.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input checked="" 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