

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: 121001DSP-Milw-257 **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2.5 weeks Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: Hypertension, Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC)

Date of Incident: 10/1/12

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

On 9/21/12, the agency received a report regarding an infant who had been born prematurely at 26 weeks gestation and tested positive for marijuana at birth. The infant had to be resuscitated at birth and was admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at the hospital. The infant was diagnosed with Hypertension. On or around 9/30/12, the infant was also diagnosed with Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) and had developed apnea as a result. Medical personnel determined the infant needed to be transferred to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin due to his worsening condition. The night prior to the transfer, the infant developed sudden onset of abdominal distention, which was followed by respiratory and blood flow compromise. The infant was put on an oscillator. On 10/1/12, the infant was transported to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Upon arrival, the medical team attempted to stabilize the infant and draw blood for testing. The infant's heart rate slowed and the infant began to code. Medical personnel began chest compressions, medications were administered and the surgical team was consulted. Life saving measures were unsuccessful and the infant was pronounced deceased. The mother declined to have an autopsy so an exam was not completed. 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 and collaborated with medical personnel to complete the assessment. Neglect to the infant was unsubstantiated. The infant was diagnosed with NEC, in which the intestines stop all function. Medical personnel indicated no research or information which correlates the condition to the use of marijuana. Medical personnel reported that both the mother and father of the infant were appropriate and active in caring for the infant while he was in the NICU. The mother participated regularly in caring for the infant and asked appropriate questions. The parents were present at the hospital often and hospital staff did not observe concerns with either parent. The parents have no other children and the agency has closed the case.

- 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 infant was born prematurely at 26 weeks gestation and resided in the hospital until his death. The mother lives with her mother, father, sister and brother. The father lives separately from the mother; however, no information is known about his household.

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 screened in, assessed, and unsubstantiated the allegation of neglect to the infant by his mother. There was no information found to indicate maltreatment had occurred. While the infant test positive for marijuana at the time of his birth, medical professionals did not find any evidence linking the infant’s death to the mother’s use of marijuana prior to giving birth. 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 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 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