

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: 121008DSP-Jeff-262 **Agency:** Jefferson County Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 4 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: Premature birth

Date of Incident: 10/8/12

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

On 10/8/12, the agency received a report of an infant who was brought to the emergency room for twitching, decreased appetite and being cold to the touch. A CT scan was completed which showed subdural hematomas. There were also markings/bruises on the infant's forehead, arm, and shoulder. The infant was transferred to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin for further evaluation and admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. Medical personnel evaluated the CT scan and determined the infant had a subacute subdural hematoma bilaterally over the frontal and anterior parietal convexities, larger on the right, with more acute subdural hematoma in the right posterior frontal and parietal regions. A skeletal survey was negative for acute or healing fractures and there was no evidence of a skull fracture. The infant was also evaluated by Ophthalmology which showed retinal hemorrhages consistent with a shaken child or sustaining a blow to the head which shook the brain. The parents reported the father was the sole caregiver the weekend prior because the mother was out of town for work. The father stated that on 10/7/12, he bumped the infant's head on the door jam when assisting his 4-year-old daughter with a bloody nose. Medical personnel determined that bumping the infant's head on the door jam would not have caused the hematomas. The father eventually admitted that on 10/6/12, he became very mad at the infant because the infant would not stop crying. The father reported he took the infant into his room to change him and put him down. After he put the infant on the changing table, he walked across the room and picked up a pack of wipes. The father stated that something snapped inside him and he threw the pack of wipes at the infant, hitting the infant on the side of the head. The father admitted to throwing the wipes really hard and aiming at the infant's head. The father was criminally charged with one count of Child Abuse – Intentionally Cause Harm and one count of 1st Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety. 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 and medical personnel to complete the assessment. Physical abuse to the infant by the father was substantiated. Medical personnel determined the combination of subdural hematomas and retinal hemorrhages are highly associated with abuse head trauma and the father admitted to harming the child. The children were determined safe in the care of their mother, who demonstrated protective capacities to the infant and his sister throughout the assessment period.

- 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, and 4-year-old sister.

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 and assessed the allegation of physical abuse to the infant. Physical abuse to the infant by the father was substantiated. The agency determined the children were safe in the care of the mother. The father has bond conditions per criminal court which prohibits contact between the father and the infant. The father is allowed supervised contact with the 4-year-old per his bond conditions. The parents signed a six month Informal Disposition Agreement 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input 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