

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: 121128DSP-Walw-268 **Agency:** Walworth County Dept. of Health and Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: newborn Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: Premature Birth

Date of Incident: 11/29/12

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

On 11/29/12, the agency received a report regarding a newborn found outside. Law enforcement responded to a residence after receiving a series of hang up calls. A 17-year-old female told the responding officer her dog was barking at an object on the ground across the street. The officer approached the object, which resembled a pillow. The officer nudged the object with his foot and heard an infant crying. The infant was wrapped in several layers, like a cocoon. The officer contacted emergency medical personnel who transported the infant to the hospital. Emergency medical personnel examined the infant during transport observing blood and a raggedly cut umbilical cord. A note was found in the layers of bundling which read, "Please take care of him whatever you do. Tell him I love him and I will find him one day..." It was estimated the infant was between 27 and 29 weeks gestation and weighed 2 pounds, 12 ounces upon arrival at the hospital. The infant was later transferred to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin for further medical care. Law enforcement continued to investigate the identity of the mother, to ensure the mother was not in need of medical attention. Law enforcement ultimately determined the mother was the 17-year-old who had brought attention to the location of the infant. The mother told law enforcement she recently reunited with her father and did not want to disappoint him. The mother also reported the alleged father was unaware of the pregnancy. No criminal charges were filed in this case.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to assess the allegations of neglect to the infant. The agency substantiated neglect by an unknown maltreater due to the mother's age. The mother did not want her father to find out she gave birth, so she placed the newborn outside and across the street from her home. The mother did attempt to contact law enforcement numerous times and directed law enforcement to the location of the infant. The infant was taken into temporary physical custody at the hospital. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed in juvenile court. The mother relinquished the infant to the courts, having no contact with the infant. The alleged father filed action in juvenile court requesting paternity and the father's mother requested placement. The case was opened for ongoing case management services.

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 mother's home consisted of the mother's father, stepmother, 8-year-old stepbrother, and 9-year-old stepsister.

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 10/4/05, a neighboring county screened in an allegation of physical abuse to the 1-year-old (now 8-year-old). Physical abuse was unsubstantiated and the family was referred to community services.

On 10/7/05, a neighboring county screened in an allegation of physical abuse to the 1-year-old (now 8-year-old). Physical abuse was unsubstantiated and the family was referred to community services.

On 6/11/08, the agency screened in an allegation of maltreatment to the 4-year-old (now 9-year-old). The allegation was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 11/22/11, the agency screened out an allegation of physical abuse to the 8-year-old (now 9-year-old).

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 neglect to the newborn. Neglect by an unknown maltreater was substantiated. The infant was taken into temporary physical custody at the hospital and a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed in juvenile court. The father of the infant pursued paternity and was adjudicated the father in court. A home study was completed on the father's home and legal custody was ultimately transferred to the father. The infant was placed in the father's home upon discharge from the hospital. The Child in Need of Protection or Services order was dismissed by juvenile court and 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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Services case management | <input checked="" 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