

## 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:** 130111DSP-Dane-283      **Agency:** Dane County Department of Human Services

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 4 months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 1/11/13

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

On 1/11/13, the agency received a report with concerns of physical abuse to a 4-month-old infant. The infant and her twin brother were being cared for by the father during the afternoon of 1/11/13. The father initially stated he picked up the infant, lost his grip, and heard cracking noises when he tried to grab her. The father called the mother to inform her of what occurred. The mother came home and the parents sought immediate medical treatment. The infant and her twin brother were admitted to the hospital after discovering the infant sustained multiple rib fractures in various stages of healing. After further evaluation, medical personnel determined the infant sustained 14 rib fractures in various stages of healing, as well as old fractures to her left thigh bone and right ankle bone. The infant's twin brother sustained two healing fractures to his left rib cage. Medical personnel determined the father's explanation was inconsistent with the injuries sustained by the infant. Law enforcement was contacted to investigate the cause of the injuries. On 1/12/13, the father admitted to law enforcement to squeezing both infants and forcefully dragging them across the bed at times when frustrated.

The father was criminally charged with three counts of Child Abuse-Intentionally Cause Harm. The father was found guilty of two counts of Child Abuse-Intentionally Cause Harm.

**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 both infants by the father was substantiated. The infant was determined to have 14 rib fractures in various stages of healing, as well as old fractures to her left thigh bone and right ankle bone. The infant's twin brother was determined to have two healing fractures to his left rib cage. The father admitted to holding or squeezing both infants tightly and pulling them across the bed at times when frustrated. The infant's mother described the infant as a fussy baby, not easily comforted by the father. Prior to the incident, the mother did not leave the father alone with the twins for more than a few hours at a time due to the infant's level of fussiness. The mother reported being unaware the father previously squeezed both infants and treated them roughly. Both infants were determined safe in the care of the mother. The father is not allowed unsupervised contact with the infants. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition and the case remains open for ongoing case management services.

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 resided with her mother, father, and twin brother.

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 substantiated physical abuse to both infants by the father. The infants were determined safe in the care of the mother and the father was not allowed any unsupervised contact with the children. The agency filed petitions in juvenile court alleging both children are in need of protection or services and the case remains open for 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 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 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):   |

**FOR DSP COMPLETION ONLY:**

**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 agency was not in compliance with the Child Protective Services Access and Initial Assessment Standards in regards to the response time decision. The agency accurately identified Present Danger Threats; however, did not respond the same day of the report because the children had been admitted to the hospital. Agency management counseled involved staff and all supervisors regarding the need to implement Protective Plans when children are admitted to the hospital with injuries due to alleged maltreatment. The agency will ensure that response time decisions are in full compliance with the Child Protective Services Access and Initial Assessment Standards.

**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.

This 90-Day Summary Report was previously delayed. DSP did determine that releasing the summary report would jeopardize an ongoing criminal/civil investigation/proceeding, and delayed posting as provided under Wis. Stat. § 48.981(7)(cr)7.