

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: 130120DSP-Milw-291 **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 5 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: Premature Birth

Date of Incident: 1/20/13

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

On 1/20/13, the agency was notified of the death of the 5-month-old infant. The infant was born on 8/15/12 at 23 weeks gestation. The mother and the infant tested positive for cocaine at the time of birth. Medical personnel determined the early delivery of the infant was due to the mother's cocaine use during pregnancy. The infant weighed less than 2 pounds at birth. He also experienced respiratory distress due to underdeveloped lungs and had bleeding in the brain. On 10/15/12, the infant was diagnosed as septic due to a severe infection. On 1/20/13, the infant died in the hospital due to numerous medical complications, along with respiratory failure. The infant remained hospitalized in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit from birth until his death. No criminal charges will be filed in this case.

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

The agency collaborated with medical personnel to assess the allegation of neglect to the child by the mother after the premature birth of the infant. The agency completed a CPS Alternative Response Assessment, which does not require a substantiation decision. The mother admitted to using cocaine every few weeks during her pregnancy; however, the mother reported she has not used any drugs since the infant's birth. Prior to the infant's death, the agency determined the family was in need of services. The mother's 3-year-old son remained in her care with an in-home safety plan and the case was transferred to Intensive In-Home Services due to the mother's history of drug use.

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 remained hospitalized from birth until his death. The mother and her 3-year-old son reside in the home together. The infant's father lives separately, but did have contact with the infant while in the hospital.

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:

The agency completed a CPS Alternative Response Assessment after the premature birth of the infant. The agency determined the family was in need of services and transferred the case to Intensive In-Home Services. The agency was having weekly contact with the mother at the time of the infant's death. The case remains open with Intensive In-home Services and the agency continues to have weekly contact with the mother and the 3-year-old child in her care.

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.)

The mother was involved with ongoing case management services from May 2009 until July 2010. The mother's infant son

(now 3-year-old) was placed in out-of-home care from 5/19/09 until 12/21/09. The case remained open with ongoing case management services after the child was reunified for almost 7 months. The agency closed the case on 7/14/10.

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 5/3/06, the agency screened in a referral for services.

On 5/15/06, the agency screened in a report alleging neglect. The allegation was substantiated and the case was opened for ongoing case management services until 9/7/07. The mother's parental rights to this child were terminated in August 2007.

On 5/6/09, the agency screened in a report after the mother prematurely gave birth to an infant that tested positive for drug exposure. The maltreatment allegation was unsubstantiated and the case was opened for ongoing case management services until 7/14/10.

On 8/21/12, the agency screened in a report alleging neglect of the infant (now deceased) after the infant tested positive for drug exposure at birth. The agency completed an Alternative Response Assessment and determined services were needed. The case was referred for Intensive In-Home Services with the agency.

On 10/30/12, the agency screened in a report alleging neglect of the infant (now deceased) by a temporary caregiver. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The case remained open for Intensive In-Home Services with the agency.

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 infant by the mother that resulted in a CPS Alternative Response. The infant died in the hospital as a result of significant medical conditions and complications. Prior to the infant's death, services were identified as needed. The mother's 3-year-old son remained in her care with an in-home safety plan and the case was transferred to Intensive In-Home Services due to the mother's history of drug use. The family continues to receive in-home services from the agency.

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 checked="" 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 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 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