

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: 130419DSP-Milw-316 **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 6 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None known.

Date of Incident: April 19, 2013

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

On April 19, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a six-month-old infant admitted to the hospital with suspicious injuries. The infant was in the care of her alleged father when the injuries occurred. When interviewed by law enforcement, the alleged father changed his explanation multiple times. He eventually admitted he became frustrated with the infant and threw her on the bed. She bounced off the bed and fell, face first, on to the floor. As a result, the infant sustained the following injuries: bilateral acute on chronic subdural hematomas, bilateral subarachnoid hemorrhage, severe traumatic brain injury (closed head injury), seizures, bilateral multi-layered retinal hemorrhages, bilateral macular retinal hemorrhages, bilateral macular retinoschisis, extensive facial bruising, intra-oral petechiae (inner surface of lower lip), and right subconjunctival hemorrhage. Medical personnel advised these injuries are diagnostic of abusive head trauma.

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

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals to complete the assessment. The allegation of physical abuse to the infant by the alleged father was substantiated. The alleged father admitted he intentionally threw the infant which caused her to sustain multiple serious injuries. The agency also substantiated neglect to the infant by a relative of the alleged father who resides with him. During the course of the assessment, it was learned the relative failed to protect the infant while she was in the alleged father's care. The infant was determined unsafe and was placed in out of home care upon discharge from the hospital. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition in juvenile court. The case remains open and the family is receiving 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):

At the time of the incident, the infant resided with the mother and a maternal relative. The infant had visits with the alleged father where he resides with paternal relatives.

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 12/16/2008, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect and physical abuse to the mother when she was a minor. The agency made several unsuccessful attempts to make contact with the family then closed the case with a finding of Unable to Locate Source.

On 3/16/2011, the agency screened in a Services Report. The agency determined no services were needed and closed the case.

On 7/22/2011, the agency screened out a CPS Report.

On 11/20/2012, the agency screened out a CPS Report.

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. The agency substantiated physical abuse to the infant by the alleged father. The alleged father admitted he intentionally threw the infant, which resulted in serious injury to the infant. The agency also substantiated neglect to the infant by a relative of the alleged father who resides with him. During the course of the assessment it was learned the relative failed to protect the infant while in the alleged father's care. Due to concerns about family members' ability to meet the medically fragile baby's special needs, the agency took the baby into temporary physical custody and placed her in a treatment foster home upon hospital discharge. The case remains open and the family is receiving ongoing case management services. On 4/30/2013, the agency received a report regarding the alleged father's home which the agency screened out. On 6/29/2013, the agency received a report regarding the alleged father's home which the agency screened out.

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:

N/A.

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

N/A.

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.

N/A.

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 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 checked="" 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. In accordance with the DCF memo Series 2010-13, dated December 7, 2010 pertaining to the Child Welfare Case Review Protocol, the Bureau of Performance Management completed a record review of #130419DSP-Milw-316 and prior reports for the family. The report found: the decision to screen out the case was correct, but notification and referral to law enforcement as required by Wisconsin Child Protective Services standards was not documented,

and therefore may not have been performed.

The following actions have taken place that address issues identified in the records review:

The Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) executive management reviewed with all managers the requirements in the Wisconsin Child Protection Services standards pertaining to notification and referral to law enforcement when reports of sexual activity involving children 15 years or younger are received.

BMCW updated its Child Welfare Quality Assurance Plan to include notification and referral to law enforcement when reports of sexual activity involving children 15 years of age or younger are received per Wisconsin 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.

The agency must submit an electronic copy of the completed 90-Day Summary Report to RobertB.Williams@wisconsin.gov