

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: 130513DSP-Milw-328 **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 4 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None known

Date of Incident: May 13, 2013

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

On May 14, 2013 the agency received a report regarding a four-month-old infant brought to the hospital with suspicious injuries. Hospital staff assessed the infant sustained multiple fractures in both legs, broken ribs, a torn frenulum (underside of upper lip), petechial bruising to her face, and patches of missing hair. Medical professionals advised such injuries in a non-mobile infant are considered diagnostic of physical abuse. The infant was also diagnosed with Failure to Thrive. The mother reported leaving the infant alone with the alleged father; the infant received the injuries while in his care. The alleged father was arrested as a result of law enforcement's investigation. He was criminally charged with two felony counts of Child Abuse – Recklessly Cause Great Harm. 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. The Initial Assessment completed by the child welfare agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the infant by her alleged father. The infant sustained multiple injuries indicative of physical abuse while in the alleged father's care. The child welfare agency also found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect to the infant by the mother. The mother did not protect the infant from harm by the alleged father and failed to provide for the infant's basic needs, resulting in the infant's Failure to Thrive. The agency determined the infant and the infant's siblings unsafe and placed them with a relative. The agency filed Child in Need of Protection or Services petitions in juvenile court and is providing the family with ongoing case management services.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The alleged 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):

At the time of the incident, the infant lived with the mother, the alleged father, the infant's two-year-old brother and the infant's 12-year-old half-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.)

On 1/02/01, the agency screened in a report alleging neglect to the infant's older half-brother (then one year old) by the mother. An assessment was completed and neglect was substantiated. The mother agreed to work with Intensive In Home Services to assist her in developing skills to better care for her child. The family worked with services until September 2001, when the case closed as outcomes were successfully achieved.

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.)

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On 3/22/12, 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 Initial Assessment completed by the child welfare agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the infant by her alleged father. The infant sustained multiple injuries indicative of physical abuse while in the alleged father's care. The child welfare agency also found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect to the infant by the mother. The mother did not protect the infant from harm by the alleged father and failed to provide for the infant's basic needs, resulting in the infant's Failure to Thrive. The agency determined the infant and the infant's siblings unsafe and placed them with a relative. The agency filed Child in Need of Protection or Services petitions in juvenile court and is providing the family with 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:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input checked="" 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: RobertB.Williams@wisconsin.gov