

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: 130718DSP-Milw-347 **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None known

Date of Incident: July 18, 2013

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

On July 18, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a two-month-old infant admitted to the hospital with suspicious injuries. The mother reportedly left the infant and its 12-year-old half-sister in the care of the infant's alleged father that morning. When the mother returned home, she observed the infant was fussy. The mother reported when she changed the infant's diaper, she noticed something was wrong with the infant's leg. The mother immediately called 911 and the infant was transported to the hospital. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained a displaced fracture of the right femur. The mother was unable to explain the injury and reported no prior knowledge of harm to the infant. Law enforcement was contacted to initiate an investigation into circumstances of the infant's injury. Further medical assessment of the infant discovered additional injuries. Medical personnel advised the infant's multiple injuries were diagnostic of child physical abuse. As a result of the investigation by law enforcement, the alleged father was arrested and criminally charged with two felonies: Child Abuse-Intentionally Cause Great Bodily Harm and Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Bodily 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. Physical abuse to the infant by the alleged father was substantiated. The infant received serious injuries while in his care that are diagnostic for child physical abuse. The alleged father is criminally charged and court ordered to have no contact with the infant. Based on information gathered for the assessment, the agency determined the infant and the infant's older half-sister safe in the mother's care.

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 and 12-year-old half-sister.

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.)

N/A

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 May 23, 2013 the agency received a report alleging neglect to the infant, which was screened out.

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 collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The allegation of physical abuse to the infant by the alleged father was substantiated. The infant received serious injuries while in his care that are diagnostic for child physical abuse. The alleged father is criminally charged and court ordered to have no contact with the infant. Based on information gathered for the assessment, the agency determined the infant and the infant's older half-sister safe in the mother's care. The family was referred to community services and the agency 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:

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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input checked="" 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. 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 (BPM) completed a record review in case # 130718DSP-Milw-347. The review found the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare to be in compliance with the CPS Access Standards regarding the screening decision for the Access Report under review. BMCW Access was not in compliance with standards for screening decision within timeframes and inclusion of relevant CPS and criminal history for adult household members as cited in eWiSACWIS and CCAP.

BMCW revised its Quality Assurance Plan. A focus of the quality assurance plan is to ensure the timeliness and quality of information collection, analysis, and decision making from the point of access through initial assessment completion. This plan, its strategies, and the quality review results are discussed monthly at agency executive management meetings.

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:

- 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