

## 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:** 130724DSP-Milw-351      **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

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

Age: 2 months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None known

**Date of Incident:** July 24, 2013

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

On July 24, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a two-month-old infant in need of medical attention and not receiving proper care. The assigned worker went to the home and escorted the infant and her parents to the emergency room. Medical personnel evaluated the infant and determined the infant sustained multiple serious injuries from non-accidental trauma, including: significant head injury, bone fractures, and soft tissue injury. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. During interviews conducted by law enforcement, the father eventually admitted causing injuries to the infant when frustrated by the infant's crying. The father was criminally charged and pled guilty to two Felony counts of Child Abuse – Recklessly Cause Great Harm and one Felony count of Child Abuse – Recklessly Cause Harm.

**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. Based on information gathered during the agency's Initial Assessment, the allegation of physical abuse to the infant by the father was substantiated. The infant sustained significant injuries, which the father admitted he caused. The agency determined the infant unsafe and placed the infant in out-of-home care with a relative. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. Although the parents failed to follow their pediatrician's directive to seek medical care for the infant, the delay did not seriously endanger the infant's physical health.

- 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):

At the time of the incident, the infant lived with the mother and the father. The infant's three-year-old half-sister lives primarily with her adjudicated father in a separate residence. The mother and the half-sister's father shared joint custody and the half-sister visited the mother's home on a regular basis.

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.)

N/A.

**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 professionals to complete the assessment. Based on information gathered during the agency's Initial Assessment, the allegation of physical abuse to the infant by the father was substantiated. The infant sustained significant injuries, which the father admitted he caused. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. Although the parents failed to follow their pediatrician's directive to seek medical care for the infant, the delay did not seriously endanger the infant's physical health. The infant was determined unsafe and placed in out-of-home care with a relative. The father was criminally charged and court ordered to have no contact with the infant unless approved through Children's Court. A Child in need of Protection or Services petition was filed regarding the infant in juvenile court and the case was opened for ongoing case management services. The infant's three-year-old half-sister was determined safe in the home of her father, who is pursuing primary custody and placement of the half-sister in family court.

**B. Children residing in out-of-home care (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 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):   |

**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 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 at this time.

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.