

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: 131001DSP-Rock-372 **Agency:** Rock County Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 10/01/2013

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

On October 1, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a two year old child who presented at a local hospital with significant injuries to his neck, back of the head, right shoulder, and back. Law enforcement initiated a joint investigation with the agency and found the child was injured in the home of a relative and was attacked by a dog. Medical professionals diagnosed the injuries as consistent with dog bites and transported the child via ambulance to a hospital with a trauma unit, which admitted the child due to the severity of the injuries and the need for follow-up by medical staff.

The father reported to law enforcement and the agency that he was laying on the couch in a different section of the house when he heard screams from the kitchen from his son and the maternal aunt of the child. The father stated when he got into the kitchen the dog was attacking his son. He was able to get the dog off of his son but the dog also attacked him, causing injuries requiring surgery. The maternal aunt was interviewed and stated the child was playing with a rawhide with the dog and without any problems or actions by the child, the dog attacked the child causing the significant injuries.

The investigation by law enforcement remains open but no criminal charges have been filed in this case.

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. Based on information gathered, the Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect by the maternal aunt to the child. The maternal aunt had knowledge of the aggressiveness of the animal and did not disclose this information to the parents or the agency before the child and his parents moved into the home. The injuries sustained by the child were life threatening and will require extensive medical follow-up. The agency unsubstantiated neglect to the child by the mother and father. The agency did not find a preponderance of the evidence to conclude they had knowledge of the aggressiveness of the animal before moving into the residence and responded appropriately after the incident. The agency observed and evaluated the family's current residence and determined the child safe in the care of the parents. The family was referred to community services but declined the offer.

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 child was residing with his mother, father, maternal aunt, and an adult cousin in the home of the relative.

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:

On September 20, 2013, the agency received a CPS report that the conditions of the family residence were unsanitary for a child. The report listed a significant roach problem and other unsanitary conditions. On September 26, 2013, the agency implemented a protective plan with a relative allowing the family and child to stay in their home. The agency completed background checks on adults in the home, evaluated the residence of the residence for safety, and confirmed that it was safe for the child to reside in the home of the relative under the protective plan.

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 September 20, 2013, the agency received a CPS report that the conditions of the family residence were unsanitary for a child. The report listed a significant roach problem and other unsanitary conditions. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate neglect to the child by both parents.

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. Based on information gathered, the Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect by the maternal aunt to the child. The maternal aunt had knowledge of the aggressiveness of the animal and did not disclose information to the parents or the agency before the child and his parents moved into the home. The injuries sustained by the child were life threatening and will require extensive medical follow-up. The agency unsubstantiated neglect to the child by the mother and father. The agency did not find a preponderance of the evidence to conclude they had knowledge of the aggressiveness of the animal before moving into the residence and responded appropriately after the incident. The agency observed and evaluated the family's current residence and determined the child safe in the care of the parents. The family was referred to community services but declined the offer.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): The city attorney was contacted and the dog was euthanized as a result of the severity of the incident to this child and an attack on another child shortly after the Department's involvement. |

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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