

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: 131006DSP-Milw-371

Agency: Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 months

Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None known

Date of Incident: October 6, 2013

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

On October 6, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a three-month-old infant pronounced dead in her home. The report further noted concerns of neglect due to the home's condition on the same date. Law enforcement and the Medical Examiner's office responded and initiated an investigation into the infant's sudden unexplained death. During interviews conducted by law enforcement, the mother reported she went to a family gathering with her five children the prior evening. She stated she consumed two eight-ounce margarita drinks and a sip of whiskey while at the party. She later recalled she also drank three shots of rum before leaving for the party. The mother and children returned home in the late evening. The mother stated she took the infant and the infant's two-year-old sister to bed with her where she slept in between them. The infant's alleged father reported he returned home about two hours later from going out with friends after work. He indicated he picked up the infant to move her and found the infant unresponsive. He woke up the mother, called 911, and started CPR. Paramedics responded and continued rescue efforts, but were unsuccessful and pronounced the infant deceased. Law enforcement's investigation of the infant's death is pending, and no criminal charges have been filed. The official cause of the infant's death remains undetermined by the Medical Examiner's Office, as toxicology results for the infant and mother are pending.

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 Initial Assessment completed by the county agency has insufficient evidence to substantiate the maltreatment of neglect to the infant and the infant's four older siblings by the mother. The Medical Examiner's office advised that no injuries or signs of trauma were observed on the infant. Toxicology results for the infant and mother are pending; therefore, official cause of death is not yet determined and law enforcement's investigation is not complete. A protective plan was implemented by the agency for relatives to provide care for the infant's four older siblings until their safety in the home was fully assessed. The agency's Initial Assessment determined the siblings' safe in the mother and alleged father's care and the protective plan was terminated. No further services for the family were deemed necessary.

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 her mother, alleged father, seven-year-old half-brother, five-year-old half-brother, three-year-old alleged brother, and two-year-old alleged 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 9/16/2010, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the four-year-old (now seven-year-old) by the mother. An assessment was completed and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. No safety concerns were found and the agency closed the case.

On 9/12/2012, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the six-year-old (now seven-year-old), four-year-old (now five-year-old), two-year-old (now three-year-old) and 10-month-old (now two-year-old) by the mother. An assessment was completed and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The children did not show any signs of maltreatment and the mother was found to be meeting their needs, so the agency closed the case.

On 9/12/2012, the agency screened out a CPS Report.

On 2/15/2013, 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 collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the county agency has insufficient evidence to substantiate the maltreatment of neglect to the infant and the infant's four older siblings by the mother. The Medical Examiner's office advised that no injuries or signs of trauma were observed on the infant. Toxicology results for the infant and mother are pending; therefore, official cause of death is not yet determined and law enforcement's investigation is not complete. A protective plan was implemented by the agency for relatives to provide care for the infant's four older siblings until their safety in the home was fully assessed. The agency's Initial Assessment determined the siblings' safe in the mother and alleged father's care and the protective plan was terminated. No further services for the family were deemed necessary. On October 6, 2013, the agency screened out a second CPS Report on the infant's death as the information was similar to the report already screened in for assessment.

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 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 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. 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:

N/A.

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