

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: 131005DSP-Port-374 **Agency:** Portage County Health and Human Services and Marathon County Department of Social Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 10 Months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White, Hispanic/Latino

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 10/05/2013

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

On October 14, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a ten month old infant presented at a hospital with unexplained injuries. Medical professionals examined the child and diagnosed the infant with a skull fracture, subdural hematoma, several rib fractures in various stages of healing, a lacerated spleen, bruising to different parts of the body, and blood buildup around the infant's lungs. Medical professionals diagnosed the injuries as indicative of physical abuse.

Law enforcement and the agency initiated an investigation. The mother of the infant reported she and her infant were staying at her boyfriend's home in another county. On October 5, 2013, at approximately 6:00 p.m., the mother reported leaving her boyfriend's residence to get food and left the infant in the care of the boyfriend. The mother reported returning to the residence at approximately 7:00 p.m. and the boyfriend told her he heard the infant crying while he was taking a shower. The mother reported the boyfriend explained he entered the room where the infant was sleeping and found the infant on the floor crying. The boyfriend told the mother he gave the infant a bottle and put him back on the bed to sleep. The mother stated she checked on the infant and he was sleeping and she did not wake him. The mother reported that later she did not observe any symptoms and did not observe any injury to the head of the infant. The mother stated that on October 6, 2013, she did observe the infant pulling on his ears so on October 7, 2013, she transported the infant to an emergency walk-in clinic. The mother reported medical professionals diagnosed the infant with an eye infection but admits she did not disclose the fall to the floor to medical providers. In addition, on October 7, 2013, she did observe bruising to the infant's forehead. The mother reported visiting a relative on October 11, 2013, and the relative advised the mother the infant's head "looked funny." The mother reported on October 12, 2013, while holding the infant, she observed the infant's head as "squishy" and transported the infant to a walk-in clinic. Medical professionals advised the mother to transport the infant to an emergency room where the infant was diagnosed with injuries indicative of physical abuse. The mother denied witnessing the injuries to the infant but admitted frustration with the infant, throwing the infant onto a couch, smacking the infant on the head, and "snatching" the infant off the floor but denied causing serious injury.

Law enforcement and the agency conducted an interview with the boyfriend who stated the infant rolled off of the bed while he was taking a shower but denied causing any intentional injuries to the infant.

No criminal charges were filed for this incident and the investigation remains open.

Findings by agency, including maltreatment determination and material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency collaborated with medical personnel, law enforcement, and other collaterals to complete the assessment. Based on the information gathered, the Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the infant by the mother. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency has insufficient evidence to substantiate the maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by the mother. Medical records and collateral contacts provide evidence that the injuries inflicted to the infant were indicative of physical abuse. The infant was assessed as unsafe and temporary physical custody was taken by the agency. A Child in Need of Protection and Services was filed and a case was opened with On-Going Services for case management. The mother's other two children were assessed as safe in the care of their father by Marathon County Department of Social Services.

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:

At the time of the incident, the infant resided with his biological mother and her boyfriend.

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):

The family consisted of the mother, infant, and two other children ages 4 and 3. The two other children resided with the father in a different county.

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:

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 2, 2013, Marathon County Department of Social Services screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 6, 2013, Marathon County Department of Social Services screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 16, 2013, Marathon County Department of Social Services 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:

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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.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): Referral to Marathon County Department of Social Services for Courtesy Supervision |

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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 involving Portage County Department of Health and Human Services.

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

The DSP will review state-wide policies and procedures pertaining to courtesy supervision and Primary and Secondary assignments for Initial Assessment.

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