

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: 131102DSP-Dane-380 **Agency:** Dane County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 month Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 11/02/2013

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

On November 2, 2013 the agency received a report of an infant who presented at the hospital with a potential skull fracture and other injuries of unknown origin. Medical professionals completed a full skeletal x-ray of the infant and found three rib fractures, a fracture of the left arm, fracture of the left and right legs, and the skull fracture. Medical professionals diagnosed the injuries as non-accidental and suspicious of physical abuse.

Law enforcement initiated a joint investigation with the agency and found the child presented at the emergency room on several occasions with injuries of various types and sizes including several of the injuries identified on November 2, 2013.

The mother reported that the night before the infant was presented at the hospital, the infant woke at 3 a.m. but went back to sleep. The infant woke again at 6 a.m. and the mother placed the infant in a bouncy seat and the infant returned to sleep. The infant woke again at 7 a.m.; the mother changed the infant's diaper and gave the infant a bath. The mother and infant had breakfast together at 9:30 a.m. and then the mother placed the infant in the bouncy seat for a nap and went to take a shower; the mother asked the father to watch the infant. The mother stated she was in the shower for approximately 15-20 minutes and when she got out of the shower, the father stated the infant had a bump on the back of her head the size of a golf ball. The mother's parent observed the injury to the infant and advised the mother to take the child to the hospital.

The father stated he arrived home from work at approximately 9:30 a.m. and the mother handed the infant to him and told him to watch the child while she took a shower. The father stated a few minutes later he noticed the bump on the side of the infant's head and he advised the mother. The father stated he had no explanation for the injuries to the infant and he had been trying to calm the infant the morning of the incident by rocking and patting her back. The father stated it was then that he noticed the bump. Law enforcement's investigation remains open but no criminal charges were filed in regard to this incident.

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. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the infant by her father. Collateral sources reported ongoing concerns regarding the father's handling of the infant as rough and inappropriate. The father would routinely refuse others' offer of help at times when he was clearly frustrated with the infant's fussiness. The father was observed to force a bottle into the infant's mouth on at least one occasion. The infant was determined unsafe and temporary physical custody was taken and a Child-In-Need of Protection or Services was filed. The father has not had contact with the infant or the family since the incident.

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):

Prior to the incident, the infant lived with her mother, father, grandmother, step-grandfather, and an aunt.

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.)

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.)

None

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 Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the infant by her father. Collateral sources reported ongoing concerns regarding the father's handling of the infant as rough and inappropriate. The father would routinely refuse others' offer of help at times when he was clearly frustrated with the infant's fussiness. The father was observed to force a bottle into the infant's mouth on at least one occasion. The infant was determined unsafe and temporary physical custody was taken and a Child-In-Need of Protection or Services were filed.

The agency released temporary custody of the infant, instituted a Protective Plan, in which two adults would be present with the infant at all times, and opened the case with an intensive, in-home parenting program. The mother agreed to continued participation in a less intensive in-home parenting program, and the infant was referred for other services.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input 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 |

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:

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