

## 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: 131209DSP-Milw-418 Agency: Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

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

Age: 1 Year Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: White, Hispanic/Latino

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 12/10/2013

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

On 12/10/13, the agency received a report regarding the death of a one year old female child. The family reported that the baby had fallen asleep in her mother's arms at 8:00pm the previous evening at which time the mother placed the child in her pack and play. The maternal grandmother awoke three hours later and noticed that the child remained in the same position. She asked the mother to check on the child, at which time the child was observed to be non-responsive. The family attempted CPR and telephoned 911. Emergency medical personnel arrived at the scene and were unable to revive the child. There were no signs of trauma to the child and there were no allegations of maltreatment. The report was screened out by the agency with the rationale of no threatened harm or maltreatment. Autopsy was pending at the time of screening decision. There were no other children in the home.

On 2/11/14, the agency received a report with new information regarding the death of the one year-old female child. The medical examiner's office toxicology reports indicated that the child had died from a lethal dose of morphine. Law enforcement initiated a criminal investigation into the circumstances leading to the child's death. Multiple adults in the house had access to the baby; however, everyone denied any knowledge of how the baby came to ingest the drug. The criminal investigation is still pending.

**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 agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate neglect to this child by an unknown maltreater. The medical examiner determined that the baby's death was the result of ingesting a fatal amount of morphine. Multiple adults in the house had access to the baby at the time of the incident. The criminal investigation is pending. As there are no other children in the household, the case was closed.

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 resided with her mother, maternal grandmother and maternal grandfather.

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 December 10, 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 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 agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate neglect to this child by an unknown maltreater. The medical examiner determined that the baby's death was the result of ingesting a fatal amount of morphine. Multiple adults in the house had access to the baby at the time of the incident. The criminal investigation is pending. As there are no other children in the household, the case was closed.

**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 or other actions that constitute 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe):   |

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**FOR DSP COMPLETION IF RECORD OR ON-SITE REVIEW WAS UNDERTAKEN:**

**Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified based on the record or on-site review of the incident:**

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981 (7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes a 90-Day summary of the agency's practice in each case reported under the act.

**Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review:**

None

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Yes  No  Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.

This 90-Day Summary Report was previously delayed. DSP did determine that releasing the summary report would jeopardize an ongoing

criminal investigation, and delayed posting as provided under Wis. Stat. § 48.981(7)(cr)7.