

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: 140102DSP-Jeff-400 **Agency:** Jefferson County Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 5 Months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White, Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 1/02/2014

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

On January 4, 2014, the agency received a report regarding an infant brought to the hospital with unexplained fractures. Medical professionals provided information that the infant presented at a local hospital with multiple fractures. The infant was transported to a Children's Hospital via ambulance and a skeletal survey was administered. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained fractures to his right posterior fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth ribs. The injuries were diagnosed as non-accidental and indicative of physical abuse. Law Enforcement initiated a joint investigation with the agency the same day the report was received.

The father of the infant reported on January 2, 2013, between 7 and 7:30 a.m., the father was in the bed with the infant and the infant was tucked between the father's arm and chest. The father reported the infant was fussy and he tried to console the infant. The father stated he became frustrated with the infant and squeezed the infant, then he heard a "pop." The father further stated the infant was playing on the bed with a toy then fell off the bed. The father demonstrated the approximate height of the bed from the floor by standing up and pointing to the bottom of his pants pocket. The father reported that the following day, the infant was playing on the floor, and when he tried to lift up his arms, he began crying. The father said he could hear popping sounds in the child's back; neither he nor the infant's mother could figure out what was wrong so they took the child to the local hospital. The father admitted he was afraid to tell the mother about squeezing the child, and only told her about the fall. It was not until just prior to their arrival at the hospital that the father disclosed to the mother that he squeezed the infant. The father admitted he squeezed the infant with excessive force out of frustration with the infant's crying, which caused the diagnosed injuries to infant.

As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the father of the infant was arrested and criminally charged. On March 6, 2014 the father was found guilty/no contest of Child Abuse-Recklessly Cause Harm.

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

The agency collaborated with medical personnel and law enforcement to complete the assessment. Based on information gathered, the Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate the maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by the father. Medical professionals diagnosed the injuries as indicative of physical abuse. The father admitted to squeezing the infant with excessive force after becoming frustrated with the infant's crying. The agency determined the infant unsafe and took the infant into temporary physical custody. The infant was placed with the mother who moved to a relative's home with the child. A Child in Need of Protection or Services was filed in juvenile court and the case was opened for on-going case management services.

- Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?
 Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? Father

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 was residing with his mother, his father, and an unrelated adult roommate. No other

children reside in the home.

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 medical personnel and law enforcement to complete the assessment. Based on information gathered, the Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate the maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by the father. Medical professionals diagnosed the injuries as indicative of physical abuse. The father admitted to squeezing the infant with excessive force after becoming frustrated with the infant's crying. The agency determined the infant unsafe and took the infant into temporary physical custody. The infant was placed with the mother who moved to a relative's home with the child. A Child in Need of Protection or Services was filed in juvenile court and the case was opened for on-going case management 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 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 checked="" 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 |
| | <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:

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