

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: 140621DSP-Milw-450 Agency: Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 6/21/14

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

On 6/21/14 the agency received a report regarding a 3 year-old child brought to the hospital with suspicious injuries indicative of child abuse including a subdural hematoma, burns, and bruising. The girlfriend of the alleged father was arrested and was subsequently charged with child abuse, neglect, and mental harm to a child. A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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 evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the 3 year-old child and his 2 year-old sibling by the mother. The mother failed to ensure that her children were cared for by safe and appropriate caretakers, resulting in severe injuries to the 3 year-old. The agency also found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the 3 year-old by the girlfriend of the child's alleged father who was the primary caretaker for the child at the time of the injuries. The 3 year-old and 2 year-old and their 3 year-old and 2 year-old half siblings were found to be unsafe, and all 4 children were taken into protective custody and placed in out-of-home care. Child in Need of Protection or Services petitions was filed and the cases remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The child's alleged father's girlfriend.

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 injuries to the 3 year old was living in the home of his alleged father, along with his 2 and 3 year-old half siblings and their mother, the alleged father's girlfriend.

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:

On 2/3/14 a referral alleging neglect to the 2 year-old sister of the 3 year-old was screened in for initial assessment. Despite making numerous attempts, the agency was unable to locate the mother and the case was open at the time of the injury to the 3 year-old. Subsequent to the injury the case was closed with the finding of 'not able to locate source'.

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.)

On 1/20/09 the agency received and screened in a referral alleging neglect and physical abuse to a baby (now 5 year old) by his mother. The assessment completed by the agency found insufficient evidence to substantiate the allegations of neglect and abuse by the mother. The baby (now 5 year-old) and his 4 year-old (now 10 year-old) brother were determined to be unsafe, placed in out-of-home care, served under a Child in Need of Protection and Services petition. The parents' rights were terminated and the children were adopted. (Note: the baby and 4 year-old are biological half-siblings of the 3 year-old child who is the subject of this summary)

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 9/12/08 the agency screened in a Services Report regarding a baby (now 5 year old) and 4 year-old (now 10 year old) of the mother. The reporter requested a home study of the grandparent's home. The home study was completed and the case was closed.

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On 1/23/09 the agency screened out a CPS report.

On 11/12/10 the agency screened out a CPS report.

On 2/3/14 a referral alleging neglect to the 2 year-old sister of the 3 year-old (subject of this summary) was screened in for initial assessment. Despite making numerous attempts, the agency was unable to locate the mother and the case was open at the time of the injury to the 3 year-old. Subsequent to the injury the case was closed with the finding of 'not able to locate source'.

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 Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the 3 year-old child and his 2 year-old sibling by the mother. The agency also found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the 3 year-old by the girlfriend of the child's alleged father who was the primary caretaker for the child at the time of the injuries. The 3 year-old and 2 year-old and their 3 year-old and 2 year-old half siblings were found to be unsafe, and all 4 children were taken into protective custody and placed in out-of-home care. Child in Need of Protection or Services petitions was filed and the cases remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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.)

- Screening of Access report
- Protective plan implemented
- Initial assessment conducted
- Safety plan implemented
- Temporary physical custody of child
- Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Attempted or successful reunification
- Referral to services
- Transportation assistance
- Collaboration with law enforcement
- Collaboration with medical professionals
- Supervised visitation
- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- Other (describe):

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 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. In accordance with the DCF memo Series 2010-13, dated December 7, 2010, pertaining to the Child Welfare Case Review Protocol, the Bureau of Performance Management (BPM) will complete an onsite review of case 140621DSP-Milw-450.

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

Not at this time.

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