DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Division of Safety and Permanence

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: 140703DSP-Wal-458 Agency: Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services
Child Information (at time of incident) Age: 2-months Gender: ☐ Female ☒ Male
Race or Ethnicity: White
Special Needs: None
Date of Incident: July 3, 2014
Description of the incident, including the suspected cause of death, injury or egregious abuse or neglect: On July 3, 2014, the agency received a report regarding a two-month-old infant brought to the hospital with a spinal fracture. The report stated the father was feeding the infant when he felt a pop in the infant's shoulder. The report stated the mother was not present at the time of the incident but when she awoke the next morning she observed the infant crying and not using his arm so the infant was transported to the emergency room. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's suspicious injuries. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the father was arrested and criminally charged with Child Abuse-Intentionally Cause Harm. 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 the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the father. Medical professionals diagnosed the child with multiple fractures, which were determined to be caused by severe violent force blunt impact. The child and his sibling were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed in out-of-home care. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed and the case 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 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 resided in the home with his one-year-old half-brother, his mother and father, and his grandmother.
The infant's four-year-old half-brother has visited the home on weekends.
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: $\rm N/A$
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.)

N/A

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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:

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provide ongoing case management services. 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. Summary of any actions taken by agency in response to the incident: (Check all that apply.) Screening of Access report Attempted or successful reunification Protective plan implemented Referral to services Initial assessment conducted Transportation assistance Safety plan implemented Collaboration with law enforcement Temporary physical custody of child Collaboration with medical professionals Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of Supervised visitation protection or services) Case remains open for services Case closed by agency Placement into foster home Initiated efforts to address or enhance community Placement with relatives collaboration on CA/N cases Ongoing Services case management 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: N/A Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review: N/A

If the case review was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.

This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this