

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: 141028DSP-LaCr-493 **Agency:** La Crosse County Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White, Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 10/28/2014

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

On October 28, 2014, the agency received a report regarding a three-year-old child was brought to the hospital with significant head and bodily injuries. Medical professionals who examined the child suspected physical abuse due to the child's presenting symptoms and the child died the following day. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's suspicious injuries. The autopsy report is not yet completed.

As a result of the law enforcement investigation, the father and his girlfriend are charged with Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Death) and Child Abuse -High Probability/Great Harm. A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The father's girlfriend's four other children 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 remains open to provide ongoing case management.

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 physical abuse to the child by her father and father's girlfriend. The preliminary cause of death is hypernatremia and non-accidental injuries.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The father and the 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 incident, the child resided with her father, father's girlfriend, 3 month-old brother, and the girlfriend's six-year old daughter, three-year old son, and two year-old daughter.

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.)

On August 13, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the girlfriend's then two-year old child. An Alternative Response assessment was completed; therefore, no maltreatment determination was made. No services were determined needed.

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.)

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On April 19, 2013, the agency screened out a Services 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 Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by her father and father's girlfriend. The preliminary cause of death is hypernatremia and non-accidental injuries.

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 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 checked="" 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): |

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 review 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 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.