

# 90-Day Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Corrected Review Designation- 7/24/15

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:** 150213DSP-Milw-510      **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

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

Age: 4 Months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American, Caucasian

Special Needs: None known

**Date of Incident:** 02/13/2015

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

On February 13, 2015, the agency received a report regarding a 4 month old infant brought to the hospital with significant injuries. Medical professionals who examined the infant suspected abusive trauma due to the infant's presenting symptoms. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the infant's suspicious injuries. Medical personnel diagnosed the infant with Physical Abuse-Abusive Trauma. During further medical evaluation the infant was found to have healing rib fractures and a healing brain injury. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother's boyfriend was arrested and criminally charged with Child Abuse-Recklessly Cause Great 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 infant by the mother's boyfriend and to substantiate neglect of the infant by the mother for her failure to obtain medical treatment for the infant in a timely manner. The agency also found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater due to the unexplained healing rib fractures and brain injury. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained abusive injuries and diagnosed the infant with Abusive Trauma. The infant was deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. Upon discharge from the hospital, the infant was placed in out of home care. The mother's boyfriend was criminally charged and court ordered to have no contact with the infant. 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 mother's boyfriend.

**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 and her maternal great-grandmother.

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 May 9, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 3 year old brother by the mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On May 11, 2011, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the infant's now 3 year old brother by the mother and father. While the assessment completed by the agency did not substantiate the allegations of neglect and physical abuse, the child was deemed unsafe, a Child in Need of Protection and Services petition was filed, and the child was placed in out of home care with relatives. The case was subsequently closed upon the relatives' assumption of legal guardianship of the child.

**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 September 25, 2014, 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 Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by the mother's boyfriend and to substantiate neglect of the infant by the mother for her failure to obtain medical treatment for the infant in a timely manner. The agency also found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater due to the unexplained healing rib fractures and brain injury. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained abusive injuries and diagnosed the infant with Abusive Trauma. The infant was deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. Upon discharge from the hospital, the infant was placed in out of home care. The mother's boyfriend was criminally charged and court ordered to have no contact with the infant. A Child in Need of Protection or Services petition was filed and the case 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.)

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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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation  |
| <input checked="" 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 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 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. 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 a records review of case 150213DSP-Milw-510.

**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.

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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.

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