

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: 160316-DSP-TREMP-611 **Agency:** Trempealeau County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 4 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Age: 6 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: Autism Spectrum Disorder

Age: 8 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: Autism Spectrum Disorder

Age: 7 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian

Special Needs: Autism Spectrum Disorder

Date of Incident: 03/16/2016

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

On March 16, 2016, the agency received a report regarding possible neglect of four children ages 4, 6, 7, and 8-years-old who were transported to the hospital due to injuries sustained in a house fire. Medical personnel observed the mother to be under the influence at the time of arrival. The 8-year-old was not injured severely and was discharged on the same day as his admission. The 4-year-old and the 6-year-old were diagnosed with inhalation burns and respiratory distress. The 7-year-old was diagnosed with first, second and third degree burns and severe respiratory distress that required a surgical airway with tracheal intubation. The 4-year-old, 6-year-old and 7-year-old children were in critical condition and transferred to a different hospital for further treatment.

Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation to determine if the mother's known substance abuse issues contributed to the cause of the fire or the severity of the children's injuries. No criminal charges were filed and the investigation has been closed.

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 did not find a preponderance of evidence to substantiate neglect to the children by their mother. The mother sustained severe injuries in the fire and passed away on April 6, 2016. The children's fathers were contacted and both decided the children should reside with relatives. The agency determined the children to be safe and they remained with the relative caregivers. The case remained open for non-CPS services to provide support to the relative caregivers. A referral was made to the Children's Waiver Program.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom?

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 4-year-old male, 6-year-old female, 7-year-old female and 8-year-old male resided together with their mother.

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 July 23, 2015, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community services.

On September 21, 2012, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 4-year-old child by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated

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 August 19, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 22, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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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:

The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency did not find a preponderance of evidence to substantiate neglect to the children by their mother. The mother sustained severe injuries in the fire and passed away on April 6, 2016. The children's fathers were contacted and both decided the children should reside with relatives. The agency determined the children to be safe and they remained with the relative caregivers. The case remained open for non-CPS services to provide support to the relative caregivers. A referral was made to the Children's Waiver Program.

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 type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |

- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- 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 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 based on the record or on-site review:

N/A

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.