Public Notification of a Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 110113DSP-Wauk-74

Date of Public Notification: 1/20/11

The Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) has received notification that a child death, serious injury or egregious incident has occurred and maltreatment is suspected, or that a child placed in out-of-home care has died and suicide is suspected.

Date of Incident: 1/13/11

Incident Description:
The child was referred to Children’s Hospital in Milwaukee for testing related to a failure to thrive condition and eating issues. Upon examination, it was learned that the child has numerous, significant injuries including 7 healing rib fractures, 4 skull fractures, bruises on both ears, multiple bruises on his head, possible healing burn on his right lateral thorax, two liver lacerations, brain and spine chronic subdural hemorrhages and possible retinal hemorrhages. The mother’s boyfriend has stated that he is responsible for the injuries, describing how several of the injuries occurred. Reportedly, the mother claims to have no knowledge of the boyfriend’s actions and injuries to her child.

Child Information:
Age: 5 months  Gender: □ Female  □ Male
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Child’s Residence: □ In-home  □ Out-of-home care placement by agency

Scope of DSP Review of Incident

☐ eWiSACWIS records review only
☐ Abbreviated review to gather more information about the case
☐ Full records and on-site review by DSP
☐ Other (describe):

Agencies cooperating with the DSP in the review at this time:
Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services

Additional Information (optional):
The injured child and the children of the alleged maltreater have been placed into out-of-home care placement.