

6-Month Final Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 101003DSP-PN-55 Agency: Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information: Age: 2 years Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: African American
Special needs: None

Child's Residence: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Date of Incident: 10/3/10

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

On October 5, 2010, the agency received a report of physical abuse to the two-year-old toddler. The agency and law enforcement visited the home where they found the child to be in need of immediate medical care. He was taken from the home by ambulance to Children's Hospital where he was found to have significant bruising on his face and chest, a cut on his lip, bruising to the front and back of his legs, looped marks on his back and burn marks on his left arm. He had sores both old and new to his buttocks, and his penis was swollen and bruised. Further examination found that he had multiple rib fractures and a fractured right femur. It was determined that the injuries were at different stages of healing and did not all occur at the same time. The child's siblings were forensically interviewed and reported that their mother and her boyfriend were punishing the toddler, describing their actions that resulted in his injuries. The mother has been criminally charged with Child Abuse - Intentional Causion of Great Bodily Harm, one count each of Child Abuse - Intentional Causion of Harm, Neglecting a Child - Consequence is Bodily Harm, and Child Abuse - Failure to Prevent Great Bodily Harm. The boyfriend has been criminally charged with Child Abuse - Intentional Causion of Great Bodily Harm, Strangulation and Suffocation, and Child Abuse - Intentional Causion of Harm.

Summary of actions taken by agency in response to the incident:

The agency collaborated with law enforcement to investigate the allegations of maltreatment to the injured child, substantiating physical abuse and neglect. The child's older siblings remained in the care of their father, who had shared custody of them with the child's mother. The newborn infant who was born while his mother was incarcerated was removed from his parents' care and placed into foster care. Action was taken to confirm that the injured child was safe with his biological father. The agency continues to provide ongoing case management services to the family.

Summary of policy or practice changes to address identified issues:

The Office of Performance and Quality Assurance conducted an on-site review of the case and found that the Initial Assessment was not in compliance with the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards or the CPS Safety Intervention Standards. The BMCW is required to address the review findings, and the OPQA will monitor the implementation plan.

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:

None

Additional Information: