

6-Month Final 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: 170409-DSP-TREMP-705 **Agency:** Trempealeau County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White, Hispanic/Latino

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 04/09/2017

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

On April 9, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a three-year-old child brought to the hospital with injuries. Medical professionals who examined the child suspected child abuse due to the child's presenting symptoms. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's suspicious injuries. Medical personnel diagnosed the child with several injuries in different stages of healing. The most recent injury was determined to be accidental, and the agency was unable to determine the cause of the injuries. No criminal charges were filed and the case was 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 found insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by an unknown maltreater. The most recent injury was determined to be accidental. The agency completed an assessment of the older injuries and was unable to determine the cause of those injuries. A protective plan was implemented on April 9, 2017 for the child, her two-year-old brother and four-year-old sister, and the children remained in the home in the care of their mother. The mother was later assessed as protective on June 6, 2017 and the protective plan was terminated. The case was open under a Child in Need of Protection or Services Order at the time of the incident and remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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 child resided with her mother, the mother's significant other, the child's four-year-old sister, and her two-year-old brother. The whereabouts of the child's father are unknown.

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:

At the time of the incident, the three children were under an in-home Child in Need of Protection or Services Order. The last contact by the agency with the mother and children was a face-to-face contact on March 24, 2017.

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 September 11, 2015, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The agency requested a parental home study from a neighboring county regarding the father of the child and her now two-year-old brother.

On June 5, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child's now two-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated. The case remained open under the March 17, 2015 Child in Need of Protection or Services Order.

On March 12, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect and physical abuse to the now three-year-old child and her now four-year-old sister by their mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated and physical abuse unsubstantiated. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed on March 17, 2015 and the case remains open to provide ongoing case management.

On December 15, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 8, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child's now four-year-old sister by her mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

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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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 insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by an unknown maltreater. The most recent injury was determined to be accidental. The agency completed an assessment of the older injuries and was unable to determine the cause of those injuries. A protective plan was implemented on April 9, 2017 for the child, her two-year-old brother and four-year-old sister, and the children remained in the home in the care of their mother. The mother was later assessed as protective on June 6, 2017 and the protective plan was terminated. The case was open under a Child in Need of Protection or Services Order at the time of the incident and 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input checked="" 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 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 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 Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) completes an initial review of the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case 170409-DSP-TREMP-705. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined no policy or practice changes were needed.

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review:

None

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- Yes No Not Applicable This 6-month summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.