

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

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Case Tracking Number: 170602-DSP-MILW-728 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 1 month Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: June 2, 2017

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

On June 2, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a 1-month-old infant pronounced deceased in his home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation into the infant's unexplained death. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant; toxicology results are pending. No criminal charges have been filed in this case, and the investigation remains open.

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 infant. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. The infant's 12-year-old and 10-year-old brothers were residing in out-of-home care under a December 3, 2014 Child in Need of Protection or Services Order at the time of the incident. The infant's 1-year-old brother was residing in out-of-home care under a May 5, 2016 Child in Need of Protection or Services Order. The case remained open under these orders 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 infant resided with his mother. Paternity has not been established for the infant. The infant's 17-year-old sister resided with her father; the infant's 12-year-old brother and 10-year-old brother resided in a court-ordered relative placement; and the infant's 1-year-old brother resided in a non-relative foster home.

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 family was receiving ongoing case management services from the agency. The last contact made by the agency with the infant was on June 1, 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.)

In early May 2016, the infant's mother gave birth to the infant's now 1-year-old sibling. The newborn was placed in out-of-home care after discharge from the hospital. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed on May 5, 2016 and the newborn was added to the already open case.

On September 11, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 12-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The infant's 12-year-old and 10-year-old brother were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. A Child in

Need of Protection and Services Petition was filed on December 3, 2014, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On March 18, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 12-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On December 10, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 12-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On February 13, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 12-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect 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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On April 29, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On March 18, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On March 16, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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On March 18, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 12-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On February 28, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 10, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 12-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

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On April 15, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the infant's now 10-year-old brother and now 12-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of

physical abuse and neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On March 19, 2010, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On February 6, 2009, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 10-year-old brother by the 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.

On November 17, 2006, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 10, 2006, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 10-year-old brother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse by an unknown maltreater was substantiated. The children were deemed unsafe and Temporary Physical Custody was taken of the infant's now 10-year-old and now 12-year-old brothers. The infant's now 17-year-old sister was placed with her biological father. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On November 28, 2005, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 17-year-old sister by an aunt. The allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On November 7, 2005, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 26, 2005 the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 17-year-old sister by the mother's significant other. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On April 15, 2005, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 12-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community services, and the case was closed upon the completion of the initial assessment.

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 infant. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. The infant's 12-year-old and 10-year-old brothers were residing in out-of-home care under a December 3, 2014 Child in Need of Protection or Services Order at the time of the incident. The infant's 1-year-old brother was residing in out-of-home care under a May 5, 2016 Child in Need of Protection or Services Order. The case remained open under these orders 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 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 DSP completes a 90-Day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the act. A further practice review has been completed for case # 170602DSP-MILW-728.

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

As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency implemented a plan for case managers and supervisors to attend annual booster trainings on safety.

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