

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: 170628-DSP-MANI-736 **Agency:** Manitowoc County Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: Non-verbal and Non-mobile

Date of Incident: June 28, 2017

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

On June 28, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a 3-year-old child brought to the hospital with injuries. Medical professionals who examined the child suspected head trauma due to the child's presenting symptoms. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's suspicious injuries. Medical personnel determined that the child sustained head injuries consistent with physical abuse. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother was arrested and criminally charged with Neglecting a Child Causing Great Bodily Harm. The mother's boyfriend was also arrested, however has not been criminally charged at this time. A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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 a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater, and a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the child by the mother. Medical professionals determined the child sustained head injuries consistent with physical abuse. The child, his sibling and the mother's boyfriend's children were deemed unsafe. The child was taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. The child's sibling is residing with her biological father as part of a safety plan. The child's mother's boyfriend's children in the home are residing with their biological mother as part of a safety plan. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

- Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?
 Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The child's mother

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 his mother, his mother's boyfriend, his 5-year-old sister and the mother's boyfriend's children, ages 3-years-old and 5-years-old. The child's biological father did not have visitation.

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 August 13, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by the father. An assessment

was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed on September 10, 2014 and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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 July 8, 2015 the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On August 13, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by the father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed on September 10, 2014 and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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 a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater, and a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect to the child by the mother. Medical professionals determined the child sustained head injuries consistent with physical abuse. The child, his sibling and the mother's boyfriend's children were deemed unsafe. The child was taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. The child's sibling is residing with her biological father as part of a safety plan. The child's mother's boyfriend's children in the home are residing with their biological mother as part of a safety plan. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed and the case 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.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening of Access report | <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted or successful reunification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input checked="" 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 170628-DSP-MANI-736. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency had implemented efforts to improve the consistency and quality of safety practices, including specialized training for supervisors.

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

None at this time.

Yes No Not Applicable

This 6-month final summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.