

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: 181105 DSP-MILW-877 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 11/05/2018

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

On November 5, 2018, the agency received a report regarding a 3-month-old infant who was brought to the hospital unresponsive. On November 8, 2018, the infant was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death to be due to natural causes. 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 maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death to be due to natural causes. The agency initially determined the infant's 1-year-old sibling and 7-year-old cousin to be unsafe and implemented a Protective Plan where the children temporarily resided with a relative. On November 8, 2018, the infant's sibling and cousin were deemed safe in the care of the infant's mother, the Protective Plan was terminated, and the children returned to their home. The agency continued to offer the family services under the May 23, 2018, Child in Need of Protection or Services Dispositional Order for the infant's 10-year-old cousin, of whom the infant's mother has guardianship.

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 her mother, 1-year-old brother, and 7-year-old cousin. The infant's 10-year-old cousin, who the infant's mother had guardianship of, resided out of the home under a May 23, 2018, Child in Need of Protection or Services Dispositional Order.

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 services under the May 23, 2018, Child in Need of Protection or Services Dispositional Order. The last contact by the agency to the mother was a telephone call on September 26, 2018.

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 May 21, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 10-year-old cousin by the infant's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. A Child in Need of Protection or Services Petition was filed on May 23, 2018, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On March 15, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 10-year-old cousin by

the infant's 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 maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death to be due to natural causes. The agency initially determined the infant's 1-year-old sibling and 7-year-old cousin to be unsafe and implemented a Protective Plan where the children temporarily resided with a relative. On November 8, 2018, the infant's sibling and cousin were deemed safe in the care of the infant's mother, the Protective Plan was terminated, and the children returned to their home. The agency continued to offer the family services under the May 23, 2018, Child in Need of Protection or Services Dispositional Order for the infant's 10-year-old cousin, of whom the infant's mother has guardianship.

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 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 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 181105DSP-Milw-877. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency had implemented efforts to improve the coordination of sibling interaction, including assigning related cases into the same agency and whenever possible the same unit to enhance collaboration around families.

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

None.

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