

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: 190610DSP-MILW-931 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 10 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 06/10/2019

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

On June 11, 2019, the agency received a report regarding a 10-month-old infant pronounced deceased in her home on June 10, 2019. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death was due to non-accidental head trauma. Toxicology results are pending. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the infant's uncle was arrested and criminally charged with 1st Degree Reckless Homicide. 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 infant by her uncle. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death was due to non-accidental head trauma. Toxicology results are pending. The infant's 5-year-old half-brother, 3-year-old half-brother, and 2-year-old half-sister were deemed unsafe in the home of the uncle and his significant other, with whom they were living at the time of the incident, and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. The 5-year-old half-brother and 3-year-old half-brother were placed with relatives, and the 2-year-old half-sister was placed in a licensed foster home. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed on the three children and the case remained open for ongoing case management services.

The infant's three cousins, who were also living in the home at the time of the incident remained in the care of their mother, the infant's uncle's significant other, after she was assessed as protective. The infant's uncle was criminally charged and court ordered to have no contact with any child under the age of 16. The case pertaining to the infant's cousins was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The 10-month-old infant's uncle.

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 10-month-old infant resided with her uncle, her uncle's significant other, the infant's 5-year-old half-brother, 3-year-old half-brother, and 2-year-old half-sister, and the infant's 9-year-old cousin, 3-year-old cousin, and 1-year-old cousin. The 10-month-old infant's mother was deceased, and her father was unknown. The infant's 7-year-old half-brother had been residing in the home, and had moved-in with his biological father prior to this incident occurring.

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, another agency was assessing the April 22, 2019 screened-in CPS Report. The other agency's last

contact with the family was on May 2, 2019, when a caseworker spoke with the uncle's significant other via telephone.

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.)

The following history is related to the infant's mother, who is now deceased:

On April 22, 2019, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the 10-month-old infant and her now 7-year-old half-brother, 5-year-old half-brother, 3-year-old half-brother, and 2-year-old half-sister by their mother. The infant died during the assessment period and an additional report was made to the agency regarding the infant's death on June 11, 2019. An assessment was completed by the agency and the initial allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated.

On September 11, 2017, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the 10-month-old infant's now 7-year-old half-brother, 5-year-old half-brother, 3-year-old half-brother, and 2-year-old half-sister by their mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On September 14, 2016, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the 10-month-old infant's now 7-year-old half-brother, 5-year-old half-brother, and 3-year-old half-brother, by their mother, and unborn child abuse to the infant's now 2-year-old half-sister. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. A determination was made that services were not needed to address the allegation of unborn child abuse. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

There is no history related to the infant's uncle or the uncle's significant other.

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.)

The following history is related to the infant's mother, who is now deceased:

On April 9, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the 10-month-old infant's now 7-year-old half-brother by their mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

There is no history related to the infant's uncle or the uncle's significant other.

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 infant by her uncle. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death was due to non-accidental head trauma. Toxicology results are pending. The infant's 5-year-old half-brother, 3-year-old half-brother, and 2-year-old half-sister were deemed unsafe in the home of the uncle and his significant other, with whom they were living at the time of the incident, and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. The 5-year-old half-brother and 3-year-old half-brother were placed with relatives, and the 2-year-old half-sister was placed in a licensed foster home. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed on the three children and the case remained open for ongoing case management services.

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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 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 type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input checked="" 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 #190610DSP-MILW-931. As a result of this review process, the DSP reviewed work completed by another agency with whom the family was involved. The DSP did not determine 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

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