

90-Day Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 100602DSP-PN-24 Agency: Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information: Age: 3 years Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: African American
Special needs: None

Child's Residence: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Date of Incident: 6/2/10

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

The three-year-old child was taken to the emergency room after his mother attempted to drown him in the bathtub of a local hotel. The child was deprived of oxygen for a period of time but survived. The child's mother was admitted to in-patient services for issues that contributed to the incident.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by his mother. Several days prior to the incident, the mother told relatives that she wanted to kill herself and her son. She then admitted to police that she intentionally tried to kill her son by drowning him at the hotel. The medical exam indicated the child had been deprived of oxygen for some time. The mother remains in police custody and has been criminally charged with a class B Felony, Attempted 1st-Degree Intentional Homicide and a class H Felony, Attempted Disarming a Peace Officer.

Note: A criminal charge is merely an allegation, and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child lived with his mother, her boyfriend and the child's uncle.

Yes No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, 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 under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years:

In 2009 two child protective services reports were received and screened in by the BMCW. In both cases, the family was assessed and allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The mother received in-patient services and the family was provided with information about community resources.

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 or alleged maltreater:

Please see preceding section.

Summary of any investigation conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the family since the date of the incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by his mother. The child received medical care, and upon discharge from the hospital he was placed into foster care. The child was referred to the Birth-to-Three program for evaluation and services. He continues to receive services for possible trauma. The mother remains in custody and has been criminally charged. The family receives ongoing case management services. Family members are being assessed to determine appropriate placement for the child. There is a no contact order between the mother and the child.

Additional information for children in out-of-home (OHC) placement at time of incident:

Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there:

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

Licensing history: Including type of license, duration of license, summary of any violations by licensee or an employee of licensee that constitutes a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child.

*** Summary of actions taken by agency in response to the incident:**

The agency conducted an initial assessment and determined that the child is in need of protection and services. The child was placed into foster care and family members are being assessed for possible relative placement. The agency referred the child to Birth-to-Three services and is ensuring that the child receives other needed services. The agency contacted the biological father who has expressed interest in having his son placed with him in the future and is taking action to achieve this goal. The family will continue to receive Ongoing Services case management.

***Summary of policy or practice changes to address identified issues:**

None

***Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues:**

None

Statement of Completion:

Yes No This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

* If a full report including agency actions, changes in policies or practices and recommendations for further changes was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.