

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

Case Tracking Number: 110112DSP-Wauk-74 Agency: Waukesha County Dept. of Health and Human Services

Child Information: Age: 5 months Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Afr Amer-Caucasian
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: 1/13/11

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

The hospital requested that the mother bring the child in for testing after learning that the child was losing weight. Upon examination, the child was severely malnourished and diagnosed with Failure to Thrive. He also was found to have serious injuries, including 7 rib fractures, 4 skull fractures, bruises on his ears and head, possible burn healing injury on the right thorax, 2 liver lacerations, subdural hemorrhages and possible retinal hemorrhages. The mother's boyfriend admitted to handling the child roughly (e.g., forcefully squeezing the child, lifting him without supporting his head, lifting and bumping his head on the ceiling) but later recanted. He also admitted to being frustrated when the child would cry. The boyfriend has been arrested and criminally charged with two counts of child abuse, Intentional Causion of Great Bodily Harm and Reckless Causion of Great Harm.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by his mother's boyfriend and neglect to the child by his mother. The child was determined unsafe and removed from his mother's care. Please see previous section for material circumstances.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child lived with his mother at a relative's home, and they frequently spent time with the boyfriend and his children at the boyfriend's home. The child's father is not involved with the family.

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 as adults under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years:

On August 27, 2010, the agency screened in and investigated allegations of neglect to this baby. The allegation was unsubstantiated, and the child was determined safe with his mother and her relatives. The assessment identified needed services, and the mother was referred to and provided resources prior to the agency closing the case on September 8, 2010. At the time, the boyfriend was not involved with this family.

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 at the age of 18 years or older:

Please see previous section for Mother's involvement with the agency.

On January 13, 2011, following notification of the baby's injuries, the agency immediately made arrangements with the family and relatives to voluntarily care for the boyfriend's children living in the home. On January 17, 2011, the agency screened in an allegation of physical abuse/threatened harm to the boyfriend's three children due to the seriousness of the injuries to the mother's child. Physical abuse to these children by their father was unsubstantiated. The agency took custody of the children and initially placed them with relatives. The children were later placed with their mother. (The boyfriend's children are unrelated to the injured child and the injured child's mother.)

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In 2007, the agency screened in and investigated allegations of neglect to the boyfriend's baby. The allegation was unsubstantiated, and the baby was determined safe in his parents' care. No services were needed, and the case was closed.

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

On January 13, 2011, the agency received a report regarding the injuries to this child. The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by the mother's boyfriend and neglect to the child by his mother. The child was removed from his mother's care and placed into foster care. The mother's visits with the child are supervised. The family receives Ongoing Services from the agency.

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 screened in the report of injuries to the child and subsequently screened in another report of threatened harm to the boyfriend's children living in his home. The agency collaborated with law enforcement on these investigations. The agency substantiated physical abuse to the injured child by the boyfriend and neglect to the child by his mother. The baby was determined unsafe in his mother's care and placed into foster care. Mother's visits with the child are supervised. The boyfriend's children were unharmed and maltreatment was unsubstantiated. The boyfriend's children were placed with relatives and later placed with their mother. All of the children were examined medically. Both families are receiving Ongoing Services case management from the agency.

***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.