

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

Case Tracking Number: 110209DSP-Winn-78 Agency: Winnebago County Dept. of Human Services

Child Information: Age: 22 days Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: African American
Special needs: None prior to incident

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

Date of Incident: 2/8/11

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

On February 2, 2011, the child was taken to the hospital by his mother due to decreased eating, fever and lethargy. Upon examination, the child was found to have two subdural hematomas and was taken to Children's Hospital in Milwaukee. The child had extensive bleeding around his brain, both subdural and subarachnoid, which is highly concerning for inflicted or abusive head trauma. The head injury resulted in a loss of brain tissue and a blood clot to the child's right leg. The mother denied that the child was injured, stating that he is never out of her sight.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the child by his mother. The baby and his two older siblings were determined unsafe and removed from their mother's care. The mother initially stated that she was always present when others visited with the child. She later stated that the child was with a friend for approximately 45 minutes each day. A polygraph test was administered, which the mother failed. No criminal charges have been filed.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child resided with his mother, a sibling and a half-sibling. The child's father occasionally visited the children prior to this incident.

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:

None

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:

None

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 baby by his mother. The baby and two siblings were determined unsafe in their mother's care. The mother denies hurting her child, but the information gathered during the assessment suggests that the mother was the maltreater. The baby was placed into a foster home and the siblings were placed with relatives. The mother has supervised visits with her children. The mother and her children have been referred to several needed services. The case is open for Ongoing Services case management.

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 and investigated the report of injuries to the baby, substantiating maltreatment and determining all of the children unsafe in their mother's care. The baby was placed into foster care, and the siblings were placed with relatives. The agency has referred the mother and children to needed services. The agency required that the paternity of the alleged father is confirmed. The mother has supervised visits with the children. Financial and day care assistance is being provided to the Kinship Care provider. The case remains open with the agency for Ongoing Services.

***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.