

90-Day 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: 120709DSP-Walw-220 **Agency:** Walworth County Dept. of Health and Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 9 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Hispanic

Special Needs: Medically fragile since birth

Date of Incident: 7/9/12

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

On 7/10/12, the agency received a report regarding the death of a 9-month-old child, which occurred the day prior. The child was born medically fragile and seeing several specialists prior to her death. The report contained concerns that missed medical appointments may have contributed to the child's death. The agency collaborated with medical professionals who quickly determined that based on the child's medical condition, she was destined to have an event with an unfortunate outcome, and the family did nothing to cause the child's death. The cause of death was determined to be lack of oxygen.

Findings by agency, including maltreatment determination and material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency screened in and assessed the allegation of neglect to the child. The agency ultimately unsubstantiated neglect based on information gathered from medical professionals stating there was nothing the family could have done to prevent the death of the child. On the day of the child's death, the mother left the child in the care of a care provider who was trained to attend to the child's medical needs. The child went into respiratory arrest and the aunt began the appropriate steps to stabilize her and called 911. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived at the home and determined the child was stabilized. The mother also returned to the home and was allowed to transport the child to the hospital. On the way to the hospital, the child had another episode of arrest and 911 was called again. The child was transported via ambulance to a local hospital and later flown by Flight for Life to the American Family Children's Hospital in Madison. The child displayed minimal brain activity upon arrival at the hospital. The child's body was beginning to fail due to lack of oxygen and she later died at the hospital. Two other children living in the home were determined safe and the agency closed the case.

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):

The child lived with her mother, father, 4-year-old brother, and 13-year-old half-sister.

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:

On 6/28/12, the agency screened in a Services Report to assist the family in ensuring the child was receiving the necessary medical care. The agency made telephone contact with medical providers on 6/28/12. The agency also had telephone contact with the family on 7/6/12 to schedule a home visit. The agency offered services to help the family with rent, medical supplies, insurance, nutrition, and coordination of appointments.

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.)

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. (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.)

On 6/28/12, the agency screened out an allegation of neglect and converted the referral to a Services Report to offer supportive services.

Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child’s family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the child and child’s family since the date of the incident:

The agency screened in and assessed the allegation of neglect to the child. The agency unsubstantiated neglect to the child based on information gathered from medical professionals familiar with the child’s special needs. There were no safety concerns found for the two other children living in the home. The agency provided referrals and resources related to grief and helped the family access funeral assistance. The agency closed the case.

B. Children residing 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input checked="" 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): |

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Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified during the review of the incident:

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the DSP completes a 90-day review of the agency’s practice in each case reported under the Act. In accordance with the DCF memo Series 2010-13, dated December 7, 2010 pertaining to the Child Welfare Case Review Protocol, the DSP will complete a full records and on-site review in case #120709DSP-Walw-220.

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

None

Yes No Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

If the case review was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.

The agency must submit an electronic copy of the completed 90-Day Summary Report to Tara.Muender@wisconsin.gov