

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: 130613DSP-Milw-332 **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 6 days old Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None known

Date of Incident: June 13, 2013

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

On June 13, 2013, the agency received a report regarding the death of a six-day-old infant brought to the hospital with injuries suspicious for physical abuse. Earlier the same day, the mother left the infant with a friend who later noticed the infant was unresponsive and called 911. Paramedics were unable to revive the infant and transported him to the emergency room, where he was pronounced deceased. Medical professionals reported the infant's death resulted from severe head trauma sustained to the temporal areas and parietal region of his head, as well as bi-lateral bruising to the eyes. The mother admitted to law enforcement she caused the infant's injuries by throwing him on the ground after becoming angry with the infant's alleged father. The mother was convicted of 1st degree reckless homicide (940.02(1)).

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 child welfare agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the infant by his mother. The mother admitted to intentionally throwing the infant on the floor when angry, causing severe head trauma, which led to his death. The child welfare agency also found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiated neglect by the mother to the infant, as she was aware she severely injured her child yet failed to seek medical assistance for him. The agency provided the family with community resources for bereavement counseling and funeral expenses then closed the case, as there are no other children in the home.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The mother.

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 infant lived with his mother and the alleged father's parents. The alleged father resided in the same home until approximately two weeks prior to the infant's death. The alleged father reported he continued having daily contact with his son after moving out of the home.

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:

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: (Does not include the current incident.)

N/A.

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.)

N/A.

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 child welfare agency screened in, assessed, and found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate the allegation of physical abuse to the infant by the mother. The mother admitted to intentionally throwing the infant on the floor when angry, causing severe head trauma to the infant which led to his death. The agency also found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect by the mother to the infant, as she was aware she severely injured her child yet failed to seek medical assistance for him. The mother was criminally charged with 1st Degree Reckless Homicide. The agency provided the family with community resources for bereavement counseling and funeral expenses then closed the case, as there are no other children in the home.

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:

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 that constitutes 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 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. The DSP did not identify practice issues during the review of the incident.

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.

This 90-Day Summary Report was previously delayed. DSP did determine that releasing the summary report would jeopardize an ongoing criminal proceeding, and delayed posting as provided under Wis. Stat. § 48.981(7)(cr)7.