

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: 131002DSP-Milw-369 **Agency:** Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 10 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None known

Date of Incident: October 2, 2013

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

On October 2, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a 10-month-old infant pronounced deceased in his home. The mother reported she woke up at 6:40am to get her children to school. She stated she gave the infant a bottle, at that time, and he went back to sleep. She reported he had another bottle at 10:30am, at which time he was partially sleeping. She stated when she went to check on him again at 1:22pm, she found the infant unresponsive, so she started doing chest compressions and called 911. Paramedics arrived but were unable to revive the infant who was pronounced dead at the scene. Law enforcement was notified and initiated an investigation into the infant's unexpected death. The Medical Examiner's preliminary report found no signs of physical trauma to the infant, and indicated the cause of the infant's death was still undetermined. Law enforcement's investigation continued and no criminal charges were filed.

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. Based on the information gathered for the agency's Initial Assessment, the allegation of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater was unsubstantiated. The Medical Examiner's office found no signs of physical abuse, neglect or other trauma to the infant which may have contributed to his death. The official cause of the infant's death remained undetermined and law enforcement's investigation was still pending. The county agency's Initial Assessment determined the infant's eight siblings were safe in the mother's care. The family was provided with community resources and the agency closed the case as no further services were deemed necessary.

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):

Prior to the infant's death he lived with his mother, 22-year-old half-brother, 15-year-old half-brother, 13-year-old half-sister, 12-year-old half-sister, eight-year-old half-sister, six-year-old sister, five-year-old sister, four-year-old sister and two-year-old brother.

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.)

On 3/13/2000, the agency screened in a CPS report alleging neglect to the four-month-old (now 14-year-old), six-year-old (now adult), eight-year-old (now adult), and nine-year-old (now adult) siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed and no unsafe conditions were found. Neglect was unsubstantiated, and the agency closed the case.

On 4/11/2002, the agency screened in a CPS report alleging physical abuse to an eight-year-old sibling (now an adult) by the mother. An assessment was completed and no safety concerns were found. The allegation was unsubstantiated and the agency closed the case.

On 3/7/2012, the agency screened in a CPS report alleging neglect to the three-year-old (now four-year-old), four-year-old (now five-year-old), five-year-old (now six-year-old), 10-year-old (now 12-year-old), 12-year-old (now 13-year-old), and 14-year-old (now 15-year-old) siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed and no unsafe conditions were found. Neglect was unsubstantiated, and the agency closed the case.

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 collaborated with law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the assessment. Based on the information gathered for the agency's Initial Assessment, the allegation of physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater was unsubstantiated. The Medical Examiner's office found no signs of physical abuse, neglect or other trauma to the infant which may have contributed to his death. The official cause of the infant's death remained undetermined and law enforcement's investigation continued. The county agency's Initial Assessment determined the infant's eight older half-siblings safe in the mother's care. The family was provided with community resources and the agency closed the case as no further services were deemed necessary. On December 20, 2013, the Medical Examiner's final report determined the infant's death resulted from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, by natural causes. No foul play was suspected and no additional concerns were identified that may have contributed to his death.

B. Children residing in out-of-home care (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.

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 RobertB.Williams@wisconsin.gov