

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: 131030DSP-Rock-389 **Agency:** Rock County Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 5 month Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White, Caucasian

Special Needs: none

Date of Incident: 10/30/2013

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

On October 30, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a five month old infant presented at a Children's Hospital with unexplained injuries. Medical professionals examined the infant and diagnosed multiple retinal hemorrhages, bilateral subdural hematomas, and other head trauma. Medical professionals noted the infant exhibited no signs of external trauma. Medical professionals concluded the current injuries were sustained through a "rotational acceleration of his head," such as during a violent, shaking episode, such as where the forces of acceleration and deceleration associated with an impact are very strong or with an inflicted blunt impact of the head against a soft surface. Medical professionals diagnosed the injuries as indicative of abusive head trauma.

Law Enforcement and the agency initiated an investigation. The infant's mother reported contacting medical professionals on October 30, 2013, because the infant's eyes appeared dilated and he acted lethargic. Medical professionals diagnosed head trauma by non-accidental trauma and both parents transported the infant to the Children's Hospital for further examination. The mother reported she took the infant to his pediatrician for vomiting on October 1, 9, 10, 14, 21, 22, 28, and today, October 30, 2013. The mother also reported taking the infant to an emergency room for vomiting on October 20, 2013. The mother denied causing the injuries to the infant. The mother stated the infant attends an in-home, unlicensed daycare Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:45 p.m.

The father of the infant was interviewed and stated the mother gets up, in the night, feeds the infant and he had no concerns of the mother's care of the infant. The father stated that on October 29, 2013, he observed the infant's eyes not tracking and, while he gave the infant a bath, he observed the infant's hands and feet were trembling. The father stated he and his wife took the infant to the pediatrician on October, 30, 2013. The father denied causing any injuries to the child and stated he knows no method or accident by which the injuries could have occurred. The father stated that the child had two unlicensed daycare providers when the infant was two months old but the family switched to one unlicensed daycare provider on September 3, 2013. The father reported the mother takes the infant to the unlicensed provider and picks up the infant after she leaves work. The father did not report any concerns with the unlicensed provider.

The criminal investigation remains open with no charges filed.

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

The agency collaborated with medical personnel and law enforcement to complete the assessment. Based on the information gathered, the Initial Assessment completed by the agency has insufficient evidence to substantiate the maltreatment by the mother or the father of the infant. The Initial Assessment by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater. Medical professionals diagnosed the injuries to the infant as indicative of abusive head trauma. The infant was assessed unsafe by the agency and temporary physical custody was taken. The infant was placed in out-of-home care. The five-year old sibling of the infant was observed by medical professionals and evaluated and assessed as safe in the care of the parents. A Child in Need of Protection and Services petition was filed and a case was opened for on-going services to provide case management. On November 19, 2013, the infant was returned to the home of his parents with an in-home safety plan in place. The case remains open with on-going services.

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):

At the time of the incident, the child resided with his biological mother, father, and his 5-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:

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.)

None

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:

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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.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency |

- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- Other (describe):

FOR DSP COMPLETION ONLY:**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