

## 6-Month Final 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:** 130606DSP-Monr-331      **Agency:** Monroe County Department of Human Services.

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 5 months      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: White

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Incident:** 6-6-2013

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

On June 6, 2013, the agency received a report regarding a five month old infant admitted to the hospital with retinal hemorrhaging and hemorrhaging to the brain. The child was brought to day care and the provider noticed the infant acted differently and was less responsive. The child seized and was transported to the hospital via ambulance. Medical professionals diagnosed the child as sustaining an abusive head trauma caused by rapid acceleration rapid deceleration.

**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 agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The agency determined the child as unsafe and temporary physical custody was taken and the child was placed in a foster home. Subsequently, the child was then placed with a relative. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition and the case remains open for on-going case management 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 mother and father. The child also attended day care.

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 February 11, 2012 the agency received an allegation of physical abuse and neglect to the half-brother of the child by the

mother and the mother's ex-boyfriend. The agency completed an assessment and substantiated physical abuse to the child by the mother's ex-boyfriend, and unsubstantiated physical abuse to the child by the mother and unsubstantiated neglect to the child by the mother's ex-boyfriend. The case was closed as the child was deceased and there were no other children living with the mother or the mother's ex-boyfriend. The alleged maltreater was charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree reckless homicide and was found not guilty by a jury.

**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 Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The agency determined the child as unsafe and temporary physical custody was taken and the child was placed in a foster home. Subsequently, the child was then placed with a relative. The agency filed a Child in Need of Protection or Services petition and the case remains open for on-going case management services.

**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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives   | <input type="checkbox"/> Case closed by agency   |
| <input checked="" 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):   |

**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. In accordance with the DCF memo Series 2010-13, dated December 7, 2010 pertaining to the Child Welfare Case Review Protocol, the DSP completed a review in case #130606DSP-Monr-331 and prior reports involving the family. The report found: The Child Protective Services (CPS) Report was appropriately documented and screened in for an Initial Assessment and in compliance with Wisconsin statutes and standards. The Initial Assessment completed contained insufficient information in multiple required areas. Collateral sources were not utilized for information gathering as required by Statute and Standards.

The agency has an improvement plan that includes training and technical assistance for both the supervisor and staff. The supervisor will complete Supervising Safety in 2014 provided by the state. The Supervisor and staff will attend safety related training provided by the child welfare training system. The DSP will provide technical assistance as requested by the agency in order to assist in improving practice in the areas identified.

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

None

Yes  No  Not Applicable

This 6-month summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.