

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: 141006DSP-Wauk-486 **Agency:** Waukesha Co. Dept. of Health & Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 10/06/2014

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

On October 6, 2014, the agency received a report regarding a non-responsive two-year-old child brought to the hospital. The child was pronounced dead at the hospital. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation regarding the child's death.

The official cause of the child's death was from massive internal bleeding related to a severely lacerated liver. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the father's girlfriend was arrested and criminally charged with 1st Degree Reckless Homicide. A criminal charge is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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 maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the father's girlfriend. On the day of the incident, the father's girlfriend admits to kicking the child in her abdomen area with force. Medical professional determined the child sustained a severely lacerated liver that caused massive internal bleeding.

The child's siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical and placed in out-of-home care.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? Father's girlfriend was charged with 1st-Degree Reckless Homicide

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 her father, father's girlfriend, four-year-old sibling and the girlfriend's fifteen-year-old sibling. A ten-year-old child of the father's girlfriend had lived in the home two months prior; however, did not reside in the home at the time of the incident.

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:

At the time of the incident, the family was open in Initial Assessment with the agency. The last contact by the agency was on 10/01/2014, which consisted of an interview of the father and his girlfriend. The agency observed the identified child and her four-year old sibling from a distance while interviewing the father and his girlfriend on the same date.

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.)

On 7/26/2010, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On 5/14/2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the girlfriend's now fifteen-year-old child by the

girlfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On 5/13/2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child and her now four-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated.

On 10/01/2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child's now four-year-old sibling by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. An additional allegation of neglect was added to the assessment and substantiated for the child and her four-year-old sibling.

On 10/01/2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging the physical abuse to the child's now four-year-old sibling by a biological parent. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. An additional allegation of neglect was added to the assessment and substantiated for the child and her four-year-old sibling.

On 10/6/2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the girlfriend's now fifteen-year-old child and her now ten-year-old child (who lives out of the home) by the father's girlfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse and neglect were unsubstantiated.

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 7/26/2010, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On 5/14/2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the girlfriend's now fifteen-year-old child by the girlfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated.

On 5/13/2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child and her now four-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated.

On 10/01/2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child's now four-year-old sibling by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. An additional allegation of neglect was added to the assessment and substantiated for the child and her four-year-old sibling.

On 10/01/2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging the physical abuse to the child's now four-year-old sibling by a biological parent. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was substantiated. An additional allegation of neglect was added to the assessment and substantiated for the child and her four-year-old sibling.

On 10/6/2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the girlfriend's now fifteen-year-old child and her now ten-year-old child (who lives out of the home) by the father's girlfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse and neglect were unsubstantiated.

Summary of any investigation involving the child, any member of the child's family and alleged maltreater conducted under ch. 48 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. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by the father's girlfriend. On the day of the incident, the father's girlfriend admits to kicking the child in her abdomen area with force. Medical professionals determined the child sustained a severely lacerated liver that caused massive internal bleeding and, ultimately, the child's death.

The child's siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical and placed in out-of-home care.

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:

NA

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

NA

Licensing history: Including type of license, duration of license, summary of any violations by licensee or an employee of licensee or other actions that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child.

NA

Summary of any actions taken by agency in response to the incident: (Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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 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 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 IF RECORD OR ON-SITE REVIEW WAS UNDERTAKEN:

Summary of policy or practice changes to address issues identified based on the record or on-site review of the incident:

Under the Child Welfare Disclosure Act (Section 48.981(7)(cr), Stats.), the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) completes in an initial review the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case #141006DSP-WAUK-486. As a result of this review process, DSP determined the agency implemented steps to improve the consistency and quality of safety assessment and decision-making practices.

Recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes needed to address identified issues based on the record or on-site review:

Based on the agency's effort and response to this incident and DSP review, no further statewide policy, practice, or statutory changes are recommended.

Yes No Not Applicable This 6-Month final summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.