

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: 170228-DSP-WOOD-688 **Agency:** Wood County Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 4 Months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 02/28/2017

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

On February 28, 2017, the agency received a report regarding a four-month-old infant found unresponsive in a hotel and pronounced deceased. Law Enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation into the infant's unexplained death. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of maltreatment or trauma to the infant. The Medical Examiner's Office found the infant's death caused by Bronchiolitis; toxicology results were negative. No criminal charges have been filed in this case, but the investigation remains open.

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 neglect to the infant by her father. The Medical Examiner's Office found the infant's death caused by Bronchiolitis. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment and no service referrals were made.

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 infant was on a Protective Plan residing in another county with her father, her four-month-old sister, five-year-old sister, her father's significant other, and the significant other's two-year-old daughter. The child's biological mother was hospitalized at the time of the incident. The infant's two-year-old brother resided with a non-relative and four-year-old sister resided with a maternal grandmother on Protective Plans 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:

The last contact with the family was with the infant's mother at a home visit by the agency on February 26, 2017.

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 February 26, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the now deceased infant, her now two-year-old brother and four-year-old sister by the mother, and an allegation of unborn child abuse regarding the mother's fetus. The children were deemed unsafe and Protective Plans were implemented for the children to reside temporarily with relatives and friends while the agency continued to plan for and assess the safety of the children. The infant's now two-year-old brother temporarily resided with a non-relative and her now four-year-old sister temporarily resided with her maternal grandmother. This assessment was open at the time of the incident on February 28, 2017. The assessment completed by the agency determined the allegations of neglect to be unsubstantiated and the allegation of unborn child abuse to be services not needed. The children were determined to be safe, the Protective Plans were terminated, and the children

resided back home with their mother.

On January 25, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the deceased infant's now four-year-old sister and two-year-old brother by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

On February 18, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the deceased infant's now four-year-old sister by her maternal grandmother, and physical abuse by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect and physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the initial assessment.

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.)

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On December 26, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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On August 21, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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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 neglect to the infant by her father. The Medical Examiner's Office found the infant's death caused by Bronchiolitis. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment and no service referrals were made.

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 or other actions that constitute 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 type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input 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): |

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 an initial review of the agency's practice for each case reported under the Act. A further practice review has been completed for case 170228-DSP-WOOD-688. As a result of this review process, the DSP determined the agency has implemented efforts to improve the consistency and quality of safety practices, including continued and updated training of CPS supervisors.

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

None

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