

90-Day Summary Report for Child Death, Serious Injury or Egregious Incident

Case Tracking Number: 100429DSP-PN-16 Agency: Outagamie Co. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Child Information: Age: 1 month Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Caucasian
Special needs: None

Child's Residence: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Date of Incident: 4/29/10

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

The child was taken to the hospital by his parents with a possible head injury. The child's injuries included finger mark bruising on his face and ear, eyes swollen shut and broken blood vessels in his eyes. Further medical examination of the child found that there were no broken bones or internal injuries. The baby's father eventually confessed that he struck the child several times when he would not stop crying.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency substantiated physical abuse to the infant by his father. Initially, the father explained that the baby's injuries occurred when he accidentally dropped him. The medical examination determined that the injuries were nonaccidental. The father subsequently confessed that while home alone with the infant he became frustrated with the baby's crying and "smacked (baby) a few times." The father is criminally charged with Child Abuse - Intentionally Causes Great Bodily Harm.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The infant was living with his mother, father and other relatives in his parents' home.

Yes No **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, 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 under ch. 48 or ch. 938 by child's parents or alleged maltreater in the previous five years:

In 2005-2007, the father, as a minor, and his family received Ongoing Services from a different county agency where they resided during this period. In 2004, the mother, as a minor, and her family received services during an 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 or alleged maltreater:

In 2004, an allegation of physical abuse that involved the mother as a minor and her family was unsubstantiated and the case was closed following assessment.

In 2005, the father as a minor was involved in two CPS assessments that included other minors. He and his family were referred to and participated in counseling and other treatment services in another county where the family resided at the time.

Summary of any investigation conducted under ch. 48 or ch. 938 and any services provided to the family since the date of the incident:

Physical abuse to the infant by his father was substantiated. The father is incarcerated and is not allowed to have contact with his son. The child was determined to be safe and remains in his mother's care. The family was assessed, and it was determined that the family needs continued support and services from the agency. There have been no subsequent reports or investigations since the incident.

Additional information for children in out-of-home (OHC) placement at time of incident:

Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there:

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

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 actions taken by agency in response to the incident:**

A primary assessment was completed and a child in need of protection and services (CHIPS) court order obtained. The agency worked with the mother to develop a protective plan that assures the father does not have access to the child. The case was transferred to Ongoing Services.

***Summary of policy or practice changes to address identified issues:**

None

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

The initial assessment is not in compliance with the CPS Access and Initial Assessment Standards. According to the case record, other adults living in the household were interviewed but were not assessed. The agency must ensure that initial assessments are in compliance with Standards.

Statement of Completion:

Yes No This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) review of this case.

* If a full report including agency actions, changes in policies or practices and recommendations for further changes was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.