

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

Case Tracking Number: 100513DSP-PN-20 Agency: Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information: Age: 17 months Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Unknown
Special needs: None

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

Date of Incident: 5/13/10

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

On May 13, 2010 the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) was notified by Children's Hospital that a 17-month-old girl was admitted to the intensive care unit in critical condition. The mother's boyfriend reported that the baby fell off the couch, and he was in the kitchen when he heard the child scream. He found the child on the floor by the couch unresponsive, her eyes rolled back in her head, and her arms and legs were "jumping". The child was transported by emergency medical services to the hospital. Upon examination, she was found to have two hematomas and a depressed double skull fracture, which medical findings indicate were caused by significant force. The child also had a left radial fracture in her forearm. Physicians indicated that all of the child's injuries are non-accidental. The mother's boyfriend was the only caregiver for the child when she was injured. He has been arrested and charged with felony Child Abuse-Intentionally Causes Great Bodily Harm and remains incarcerated.

Note: A criminal charge is merely an allegation, and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

Physical abuse to the baby by the mother's boyfriend was substantiated. The boyfriend was caring for the baby at the time of the incident, and it was determined that he caused the baby's injuries. The child's mother is cooperating with the criminal investigation of her boyfriend and will not allow him to have contact with her children.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The mother, her three children and the mother's boyfriend lived together.

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:

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 or alleged maltreater:

None

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

The referral was screened in and the family was assessed. The siblings were medically examined and did not have any injuries or health problems. They were determined to be safe in their mother's care. The maltreatment allegation was substantiated for physical abuse to the child by the mother's boyfriend. The boyfriend was arrested for felony child abuse and remains incarcerated at this time. The mother refused services offered by the agency, reporting that she receives

adequate financial support and is receiving physical and emotional support from extended family in the area.

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:**

The report regarding the child's injuries was screened in, investigated, and the family was assessed. The siblings were medically examined and were assessed to be safe in the care of their mother. Services were offered to the family but were refused by the mother. The case with the agency was closed in July 2010.

The agency is conducting an internal review of this case, and will review the case with the larger staff to discuss the assessment and maltreatment determination process.

***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:**

None

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.