

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

Case Tracking Number: 110608DSP-Milw-116 Agency: Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

Child Information: Age: 2 years Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: African American
Special needs: Brain damage, nonambulatory and ongoing medical needs

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

Date of Incident: 6/8/11

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

On June 8, 2011 the mother found the child unresponsive while he was laying on the couch. She ran to a neighbor's home to use their phone to call 911. The neighbor and paramedics were unable to revive the child, and he was pronounced deceased at the scene. The child had intensive care needs due to heart failure and brain damage that occurred when he was an infant. The child pulled out his feeding tube on June 7, which has happened in the past. The mother contacted the Radiology Department at Children's Hospital to have it reinserted on June 8, but they were unable to see her and recommended she schedule an appointment for early the next morning. The mother found the child unresponsive the afternoon of June 8. It was determined that the child's death was likely due to natural causes and not related to the dislodged feeding tube. No criminal charges were filed in connection with the child's death.

Findings by agency, including material circumstances leading to incident:

The agency unsubstantiated neglect to the infant and his sibling. The surviving child was determined unsafe in his mother's care for reasons unrelated to the sibling's death and placed into foster care. The child survived heart failure when he was just 3 months old. The resulting brain damage left the child with special needs requiring intensive care, which included a feeding tube that dispensed food and medication. The child had pulled out his feeding tube in the past, and as she had in the past, the mother took the necessary steps to have it replaced. The child died before the feeding tube was reinserted, but it was determined that this did not cause his death. It is likely the child's death was due to natural causes.

Additional information for children in home:

Description of the child's family:

The child lived with his sibling and mother in their home. An adult relative and her child also lived with the family. The children's father lives at a separate residence from his two children.

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:

None

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:

In January 2011, the agency screened in and investigated a CPS Report alleging neglect of the children. The report was unsubstantiated and the children were determined safe with their parents.

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 at the age of 18 years or older:

On June 8, 2011 the agency screened in a report of alleged neglect to a minor relative who was living in the home with his mother and the deceased child's family at the time of his death. Neglect was unsubstantiated, and the relative was determined unsafe in his mother's care (i.e., not the mother of the deceased child.) The child was placed into foster care. His family is receiving services from the agency.

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

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incident:

The agency unsubstantiated neglect to the child and his sibling by their mother. The surviving child was determined unsafe in his mother's care due to her temporarily being unable to care for him. The child was placed with a relative, and the family receives Ongoing Services case management.

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 agency screened in and investigated two reports of alleged neglect that were made in response to the child's death. The agency collaborated with law enforcement and medical professionals, unsubstantiating neglect to the deceased child and his sibling by their mother. The agency unsubstantiated neglect to a minor relative by his mother who were also living in the home. The surviving sibling and his relative were determined unsafe and removed from their mothers' care. Visits between the children and their mothers are supervised. Both families are receiving Ongoing Services from the agency.

***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.