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Dear Mr. Renk and Mr. Fuller:

In compliance with the 2009 Wisconsin Act 78, the Child Welfare Public Disclosure Act, please accept the attached summary reports prepared by the Department of Children and Families on October 29, 2019.

In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes section 48.981(7)(cr) 3.b., the Department is required to "transmit to... the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s 13.172(3)" summary reports prepared by the Department concerning incidents of death or serious injury to a child that results from suspected abuse or neglect or incidents of egregious abuse or neglect of a child. The summary reports are also made available to the public on the Department's public website.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Melfi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Danielle Melfi
Assistant Secretary

cc: Governor Tony Evers

Attachments

90-Day 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: 190728-DSP-Keno-946 **Agency:** Kenosha County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 07/28/2019

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

On August 19, 2019, the agency received a report regarding a 2-month-old infant who was missing since July 28, 2019 and believed to be deceased. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. As a result of law enforcement's investigation the mother was arrested and charged with Failure to Report Death of a Child – Party to a Crime; Concealing or Not Reporting Death of a Child; Not Reporting Disappearance of a Child – Party to a Crime; Kidnapped or Missing Persons; False Information (2 counts); Obstructing An Officer; Harboring A Felon; and Move/Hide/Bury Corpse of Child. The father was arrested and charged with Failure to Report Death of a Child – Party to a Crime; Concealing or Not Reporting Death of a Child; Not Reporting Disappearance of a Child – Party to a Crime; Kidnapped or Missing Persons; False Information (2 counts); Misdemeanor Bail Jumping; and Move/Hide/Bury Corpse of a Child. 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 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 the mother and father. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The infant's mother and father

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 resided with her mother and father.

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:

N/A

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.)

The following history is related to the infant's mother:

None

The following history is related to the infant's father:

On September 5, 2018, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 15-year-old half-sister by that child's mother, sexual abuse to the infant's now 15-year-old half-sister by a non-caregiver, neglect to the infant's now 11-year-old half-sister by that child's mother and sexual abuse to the infant's now 11-year-old half-sister by a peer maltreater.

An assessment was completed by the agency and all allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On May 5, 2018, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 9-year-old half-brother by that child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On February 8, 2017, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 15-year-old half-sister by that child's adult sibling. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On April 4, 2016, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 17-year-old half-brother, now 15-year-old half-sister, now 11-year-old half-sister, now 9-year-old half-brother, and now 7-year-old half-sister by the mother of those children and the infant's father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was 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.)

None

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 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 the mother and father. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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 checked="" 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:

N/A

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

N/A

Yes No Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.

If the case review was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.

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

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Case Tracking Number: 190728DSP-Mara-942 **Agency:** Marathon County Department of Social Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 07/28/2019

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

On July 28, 2019, the agency received a report regarding a 2-year-old child brought to the hospital with injuries. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical personnel determined that the child's condition to be consistent with neglect. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the child's father was charged with Neglecting a Child (Consequence is Great Bodily Harm). 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 neglect to the child by his father. The child's father was criminally charged and court ordered to have no contact with the child. The agency determined the child and his 6-year-old half-sister safe and they remained in their mother's care. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? The child's father

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 his mother, father, and 6-year-old half-sister.

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:

N/A

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 June 20, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the child's now 6-year-old sister by her biological father. An assessment was completed by another agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On June 14, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the child and the child's now 6-year-old sister by the mother and the father of the now 2year-old child. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. 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.)

On June 20, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the child's now 6-year-old sister by her biological father. An assessment was completed by another agency and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On October 9, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 14, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the child and the child's now 6-year-old sister by the mother and her husband. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On May 15, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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 child by his father. The child's father was criminally charged and court ordered to have no contact with the child. The agency determined the child and his 6-year-old half-sister safe and they remained in their mother's care. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |
| <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement into foster home | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case remains open for services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement with relatives | <input 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:

N/A

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

N/A

Yes No Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.

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Case Tracking Number: 190808DSP-Winn-945 **Agency:** Winnebago County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 2 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: N/A

Date of Incident: 8/8/2019

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

On August 8, 2019, the agency received a report regarding a 2-month-old infant pronounced deceased. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office indicated the infant's cause of death to be undetermined; toxicology results are pending. No criminal charges have been filed, and 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 insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the infant by the father and mother. The Medical Examiner's Office indicated the infant's cause of death to be undetermined; toxicology results are pending. The infant's 2-month-old brother, and two 1-year-old brothers were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. The children were subsequently returned home, and the agency implemented a Safety Plan to maintain the children safely in the home with their mother and father. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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 resided with her mother, father, 2-month-old brother and two 1-year-old brothers.

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 agency was assessing the July 2, 2019 CPS Report. The last contact by the agency was a phone call with the infant's mother on July 18, 2019.

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 July 2, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the infant and her siblings by their mother and father. The infant died during the assessment period and an additional report was made to the agency regarding the infant's death on August 8, 2019. An assessment was completed by the agency of the initial allegation with the determination of services not needed.

On July 24, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the infant's now 1-year-old brother. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. 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.)

On July 2, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the infant and her siblings by their mother and father. The infant died during the assessment period and an additional report was made to the agency regarding the infant's death on August 8, 2019. An assessment was completed by the agency of the initial allegation with the determination of services not needed.

On July 25, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 24, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the infant's now 1-year-old brother. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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 insufficient evidence to substantiate neglect of the infant by the father and mother. The Medical Examiner's Office indicated the infant's cause of death to be undetermined; toxicology results are pending. The infant's 2-month-old brother, and two 1-year-old brothers were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. The children were subsequently returned home, and the agency implemented a Safety Plan to maintain the children safely in the home with their mother and father. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attempted or successful reunification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation |
| <input 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 DSP completes a 90-Day review of the agency's practice in each case reported under the act. The DSP will conduct a further review in this case.

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

None at this time.

Yes No Not Applicable This 90-day summary report completes the Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) action on this case.

If the case review was not completed within 90 days, the DSP will complete and submit the final summary report within 6 months.