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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 December 19, 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".

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: 190829DSP-Milw-949 **Agency:** Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 12 days Gender: Female Male
Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American
Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 8/29/2019

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

On August 30, 2019, the agency received a report regarding a 12-day-old infant pronounced deceased on August 29, 2019. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the official cause of death to be due to natural causes. No criminal charges were filed, and the case was closed.

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 neglect of the infant by the mother. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the official cause of death to be due to natural causes. The agency determined the infant's siblings safe and they remained with their mother. 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?

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, 12-year-old brother, 10-year-old brother, 8-year-old sister and 2-year-old sister. Paternity had not been established for the infant.

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 infant's 10-year-old brother was under an in-home Juvenile in Need of Protection or Services Order. Another agency conducted a home visit with the family on August 15, 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 January 15, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 10-year-old brother by the mother. 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 March 22, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the infant's now 8-year-old sister and physical abuse to the infant's now 10-year-old brother by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of sexual and physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On December 19, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 10-year-old brother by the mother. 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.

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 February 13, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 15, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS report alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 10-year-old brother by the mother. 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.

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On December 8, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 25, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On March 24, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 12-year-old brother, 8-year-old sister, and 10-year-old brother by the 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 March 29, 2013, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the infant's now 10-year-old brother, now 8-year-old sister, and now 12-year-old brother by the mother. 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 a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect of the infant by the mother. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the official cause of death to be due to natural causes. The agency determined the infant's siblings safe and they remained with their mother. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |

- Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Supervised visitation
- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- 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 of 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.