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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 report prepared by the Department of Children and Families on April 17, 2019.

In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes section 48.981(7) (er) 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: 181214DSP-Sheb-887 **Agency:** Sheboygan County Health and Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 4 Years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Asian/Hmong

Special Needs: N/A

Date of Incident: 12/14/2018

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

On December 17, 2018, the agency received a report regarding a 4-year-old child pronounced deceased as the result of injuries allegedly sustained on December 14, 2018. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. Medical personnel determined the injuries were consistent with a gunshot fatality. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the father was arrested and criminally charged with 2nd Degree Felony Child Abuse. 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 a jurisdiction from another state, law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the initial assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the jurisdiction from another state found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by the mother and father. The child's siblings were determined to be unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed in a non-relative foster home. 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, 8-year-old brother, 4-year-old brother, 3-year-old sister, 2-year-old brother, and 11-month-old brother. Also residing in the home were two of the child's adult cousins. The child's father had supervised visitation.

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 family was receiving services under an in-home Order for Protection or Services. The last contact by the agency to the mother was a phone contact on October 17, 2018. At the time of the incident, the family had moved to a jurisdiction outside of the state. Wisconsin had requested courtesy supervision by the other jurisdiction, however this request was denied by the other jurisdiction.

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 September 21, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 8-year-old brother, 4-year-old brother, 3-year-old sister and 2-year-old brother by their mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On July 20, 2017, the agency screened in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child's now 8-year-old brother, 4-year-old brother, 3-year-old sister and 2-year-old brother by their father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was substantiated. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed on July 21, 2017 and the children remained in the home with their mother. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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.)

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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 a jurisdiction from another state, law enforcement and medical personnel to complete the initial assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the jurisdiction from another state found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect of the child by the mother and father. The child's siblings were determined to be unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed in a non-relative foster home. 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 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 checked="" 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 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.