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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 May 10, 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

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**Case Tracking Number:** 190201DSP-SAUK-901      **Agency:** Sauk County Department of Human Services

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 9 Years      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 02/01/2019

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

On February 4, 2019, the agency received a report regarding a 9-year-old child brought to the hospital with multiple injuries allegedly sustained on February 1, 2019. Medical personnel determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the child's father and the father's girlfriend were arrested and criminally charged with Child Abuse – Intentionally Cause 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 physical abuse to the child by his father and the father's girlfriend. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The child and his sister were deemed 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 and father's girlfriend

**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 father, his father's girlfriend, and his 6-year-old sister. The children did not have contact with their biological mother.

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 October 11, 2018, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse and neglect to the child and his now 6-year-old sister by the child's mother and sexual abuse to the child's now 6-year-old sister by her step-sibling. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On January 11, 2018, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the child by his mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On August 25, 2017, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child by his father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On July 30, 2017, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the child and his now 6-year-old sister by the child's father and the father's girlfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On March 17, 2017, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child and his now 6-year-old sister and his now adult step-sister by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon the completion of the Initial Assessment.

On July 31, 2014, another agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the child, his now 6-year-old sister, his now two adult step-sisters by the child's mother and father, and physical abuse to the child, his now 6-year-old sister, his now two adult step-sisters by the child's mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse to the children by the mother were substantiated. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed on August 5, 2014 and 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.)

On November 4, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 1, 2018, the agency screened-out a Services 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 physical abuse to the child by his father and the father's girlfriend. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. The child and his sister were deemed 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Initiated efforts to address or enhance community   |

Ongoing Services case management

collaboration on CA/N cases

Other (describe):

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**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.

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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:** 190208DSP-SHEB-897      **Agency:** Sheboygan County Health and Human Services

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 2 years      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** February 8, 2019

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

On February 8, 2019, the agency received a report regarding a 2-year-old child brought to the hospital with multiple injuries. Medical personnel determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother's significant other was arrested and charged with Child Abuse - Intentionally Cause Great Bodily Harm, Neglecting a Child- Consequence is Great Bodily Harm, and Possession of THC- 2nd+ offense. 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 physical abuse to the child by the mother's significant other. Medical professionals determined the child sustained injuries that were non-accidental in nature. The child was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. The mother's significant other was criminally charged and remains in custody. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed and the case remained open for ongoing case management services.

Yes    No   Criminal investigation pending or completed?

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

**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 her mother and her mother's significant other. The significant other's 3-year-old daughter intermittently resided in the home under a shared custody agreement. The child's biological father had regular 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:**

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 child's mother:

None

The following history is related to the mother's significant other, who was residing in the home at the time of the incident:

On February 10, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the significant other's now 3-year-old child

by the 3-year-old child's mother and 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.

On August 29, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging emotional damage to the significant other's now 3-year old child by the 3-year-old child'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.)

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

On January 8, 2019 the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

The following history is related to the mother's significant other, who was residing in the home at the time of the incident:

On December 27, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On February 10, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the significant other's now 3-year-old child by the 3-year-old child's mother and 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.

On August 29, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging emotional damage to the significant other's now 3-year old child by the 3-year-old child'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 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 physical abuse to the child by the mother's significant other. Medical professionals determined the child sustained injuries that were non-accidental in nature. The child was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. The mother's significant other was criminally charged and remains in custody. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed and the case remained open for 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Initiated efforts to address or enhance community   |

Ongoing Services case management

collaboration on CA/N cases

Other (describe):

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**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

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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:** 190215DSP-OCON-899      **Agency:** Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 5 months      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** 02/15/2019

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

On February 15, 2019, the agency received a report regarding an infant brought to the hospital with head injuries. Medical personnel determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the father was arrested and criminally charged with Physical Abuse of a Child-Causing 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 physical abuse to the infant by the infant's father. The agency determined the infant and his siblings to be unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan. The infant and two siblings remained in the home with their mother under a Protective Plan. The father was criminally charged and allowed only supervised contact with the infant and siblings. An Informal Disposition Agreement 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 infant'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 infant resided with his mother, father, maternal grandmother, maternal grandfather, maternal uncle, 8-year-old maternal cousin, 4-year-old sister, and 2-year-old 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.)

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 living in this household and the child's parents and alleged maltreater.** (Does not include the current incident.)

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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 physical abuse to the infant by the infant's father. The agency determined the infant and his siblings to be unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan. The infant and two siblings remained in the home with their mother under a Protective Plan. The father was criminally charged and allowed only supervised contact with the infant and siblings. An Informal Disposition Agreement 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted                                      | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input checked="" 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 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):   |

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**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

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

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**Case Tracking Number:** 190221DSP-LaCr-903      **Agency:** La Crosse County Human Services Department

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 3 months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: 3 months      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Incident:** 2/21/2019

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

On February 21, 2019, the agency received a report regarding two infants brought to the hospital with multiple injuries. Medical personnel determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother was arrested and criminally charged with two counts of Child Abuse – Recklessly Cause Great Harm and two counts of 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 physical abuse and neglect to both infants by the mother. Medical personnel determined the infants sustained injuries consistent with non-accidental trauma. At the time of the incident, the infants and their half-sibling were receiving services from the agency under an Order for Protection or Services. The infants were residing in their home and the infants' half-sibling was residing in a foster home. The infants were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed in the foster home with their half-sibling. 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 infants' mother

**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 infants resided with their mother, father, and three non-related adult males. The infants' half-sibling was residing in a foster home.

**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 two children were under an in-home Order for Protection or Services. The last contact by the agency was a home visit with the infants and their mother on February 19, 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 December 7, 2018 the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the female infant by the mother. Both infants and their now 3-year-old half-sibling were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The infants returned

home, while the half-sibling remained in foster care. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed on December 11, 2018 and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On October 2, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infants' now 3-year-old half-sibling by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case remained opened on an informal basis to provide monitoring for service and support needs.

On June, 19, 2017, another agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was referred to community support 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.)

On December 7, 2018 the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the female infant by the mother. Both infants and their now 3-year-old half-sibling were deemed unsafe and taken into Temporary Physical Custody. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The infants returned home, while the half-sibling remained in foster care. A Petition for Protection or Services was filed on December 11, 2018 and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

On October 2, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to the infants' now 3-year-old half-sibling by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The case remained opened on an informal basis to provide monitoring for service and support needs.

On September 12, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On February 16, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 21, 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 physical abuse and neglect to both infants by the mother. Medical personnel determined the infants sustained injuries consistent with non-accidental trauma. At the time of the incident, the infants and their half-sibling were receiving services from the agency under an Order for Protection or Services. The infants were residing in their home and the infants' half-sibling was residing in a foster home. The infants were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody and placed in the foster home with their half-sibling. 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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supervised visitation                    |

- protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- Other (describe):

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**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.

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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

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:** 190222DSP-Racin-904      **Agency:** Racine County Human Services Department

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 3 months      Gender:  Female  Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

**Date of Incident:** February 22, 2019

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

On February 22, 2019, the agency received a report regarding an infant brought to the hospital with head injuries and subsequently pronounced deceased on February 24, 2019. Medical personnel determined the injuries were consistent with non-accidental head trauma. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the father was criminally charged with 1st Degree Reckless Homicide. 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 physical abuse to the infant by the father. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained injuries consistent with non-accidental head trauma. The infant was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and remained hospitalized until his death. 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 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 his mother and father, and their roommate. The infant's 2-year-old half-brother resides with his biological mother.

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 August 10, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 2-year-old half-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 August 10, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report for Alternative Response alleging physical abuse to the infant's now 2-year-old half-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 a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by the father. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained injuries consistent with non-accidental head trauma. The infant was deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and remained hospitalized until his death. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child                               | <input checked="" 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):   |

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**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

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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

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:** 190303DSP-DANE-906      **Agency:** Dane County Department of Human Services

**Child Information** (at time of incident)

Age: 7 Weeks      Gender:  Female    Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: N/A

**Date of Incident:** 3/3/2019

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

On March 3, 2019, the agency received a report regarding a 7-week-old infant with multiple injuries. Medical personnel determined the injuries were non-accidental in nature. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, the mother and father were arrested. The infant's mother was criminally charged with Child Abuse-High Probability/Great Harm and Neglecting a Child. The infant's father was charged with Neglecting 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 and medical personnel to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by her mother, and neglect to the infant by her mother and father. Medical professionals determined the injuries to the infant were non-accidental in nature. The infant and her 2-year-old brother were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. 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 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, father, and 2-year-old brother.

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 October 9, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 5-year-old son of the infant's mother by the 5-year-old's mother and father. On November 19, 2014, the agency screened-in another CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 5-year-old son of the infant's mother by the 5-year-old's mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case remained open to assist the family in pursuing a guardianship arrangement for the now 5-year-old.

On July 28, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 5-year-old son of the infant's mother by the 5-year-old's mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community support services, and 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 August 23, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 17, 2014, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On October 9, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 5-year-old son of the infant's mother by the 5-year-old's mother and father. On November 19, 2014, the agency screened-in another CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 5-year-old son of the infant's mother by the 5-year-old's mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case remained open to assist the family in pursuing a guardianship arrangement for the now 5-year-old.

On July 28, 2014, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 5-year-old son of the infant's mother by the 5-year-old's mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community support services, and the case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On October 10, 2010, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the now 10-year-old daughter of the infant's father by the 10-year-old's father. The assessment resulted in a finding of not able to locate source, and the case was closed.

**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 physical abuse to the infant by her mother, and neglect to the infant by her mother and father. Medical professionals determined the injuries to the infant were non-accidental in nature. The infant and her 2-year-old brother were deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with relatives. 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 checked="" 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 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 |



Other (describe):

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**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

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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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