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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 May 13, 2020.

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: 200108DSP-IRON-976 **Agency:** Iron County Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 01/08/2020

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

On January 9, 2020, the agency received a report regarding a 3-year-old pronounced deceased in his home on January 8, 2020. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of trauma to the child. The official cause of the infant's death was undetermined; toxicology results were negative. No criminal charges have been filed in this case, 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 professionals 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 an unknown maltreater. The Medical Examiner's Office noted no signs of trauma to the child. The official cause of the infant's death was undetermined; toxicology results were negative. The child's two siblings remained in-home under a Protective Plan. They were later deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with family friends. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed and then subsequently dismissed; the child's two siblings returned to their mother's care at that time. The family was referred to community services and bereavement services and 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 child resided with his mother, his 14-year-old sister, and his 10-year-old sister. Paternity had not been established for the child.

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 November 21, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the child by his mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse and neglect were 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 November 21, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse and neglect to the child by his mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse and neglect were 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 professionals 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 an unknown maltreater. The Medical Examiner’s Office noted no signs of trauma to the child. The official cause of the infant’s death was undetermined; toxicology results were negative. The child’s two siblings remained in-home under a Protective Plan. They were later deemed unsafe, taken into Temporary Physical Custody, and placed with family friends. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed and then subsequently dismissed; the child’s two siblings returned to their mother’s care at that time. The family was referred to community services and bereavement services and 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 checked="" 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 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 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: 200108DSP-OCON-974 **Agency:** Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 01/08/2020

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

On January 9, 2020, the agency received a report regarding a 3-month old infant brought to the hospital on January 8, 2020 with head injuries. Medical professionals 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 Child Abuse – Intentionally Cause Great Bodily Harm, Child Abuse – Recklessly Cause Great Harm, 1st-Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, and 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 professionals 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 that were consistent with non-accidental head trauma. The infant and her sibling were placed under a Protective Plan. The father was prohibited from contact with the children. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed for the infant and her 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 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 her mother, father, and her 1-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.)

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.)

(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 and medical professionals 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 that were consistent with non-accidental head trauma. The infant and her sibling were placed under a Protective Plan. The father was prohibited from contact with the children. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed for the infant and her 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 checked="" 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 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 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:

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: 200111DSP-VILAS-979

Agency: Vilas County Department of Social Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: American Indian/Alaskan Native

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 01/11/20

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

On January 11, 2020, the agency received a report regarding a three-month-old infant who was pronounced deceased in the hospital after having been found unresponsive in his home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death was due to an unsafe sleep environment. No criminal charges have been filed in this case, 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 a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate neglect of the infant by the mother and father. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the death was due to an unsafe sleep environment. The infant's siblings were deemed safe and remained with their mother and father. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment and no service referrals were made.

- 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 his mother, father, 9-year-old half-sister, 2-year-old twin brothers, and 1-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.)

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

On December 3, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse of one of the infant's now 2-year-old twin brothers by the mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On March 2, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the infant's now 9-year-old half-sister and 2-year-old twin brothers by the mother and father, and physical abuse of one of the 2-year-old brothers by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect and physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On February 8, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the infant's now 9-year-old half-sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community 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.)

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

On December 6, 2019, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On June 19, 2019, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On December 3, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse of the infant's now 2-year-old brother by the mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On March 2, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the infant's now 9-year-old half-sister by the mother and father, neglect of the infant's now 2-year-old twin brothers by the mother and father, and physical abuse of one of the 2-year-old brothers by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect and physical abuse were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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

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

On September 11, 2017, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On July 28, 2017, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On November 29, 2016, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On November 29, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 23, 2016, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On May 23, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On February 8, 2016, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the infant's now 9-year-old half-sister by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community services and the case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On February 1, 2016, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On February 1, 2016, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On December 14, 2015, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On December 10, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 30, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On September 30, 2015, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On September 29, 2015, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On September 14, 2015, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On June 8, 2015, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On March 16, 2015, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On March 13, 2014, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On March 25, 2013, 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 neglect of the infant by the mother and father. The Medical Examiner’s Office determined the death was due to an unsafe sleep environment. The infant’s siblings were deemed safe and remained with their mother and father. The agency closed the case upon completion of the Initial Assessment and no service referrals were made.

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"/> 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 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 |
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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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