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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 20, 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: 191210DSP-KENO-968 **Agency:** Kenosha County Department of Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 11 months Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black/African American

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 12/10/19

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

On December 12, 2019, the agency received a report regarding an 11-month-old infant brought to the hospital unresponsive on December 10, 2019. Medical personnel determined that the infant had injuries that were non-accidental in nature. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. On December 12, 2019, the infant was pronounced deceased in the hospital. 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 maltreatment of physical abuse to the infant by his father. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained injuries consistent with non-accidental trauma. The infant's siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into temporary physical custody, and placed in a non-relative foster home. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

- Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?
 Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom?

Child's residence at the time of incident: In-home Out-of-home care placement

Complete the appropriate following section (A. or B. based on the child's residence at the time of the incident).

A. Children residing at home at the time of the incident:

Description of the child's family (includes household members, noncustodial parent and other children that have visitation with the child and / or in the child's family home):

At the time of the incident, the infant resided with his mother, father, 3-year-old sibling, and 2-year-old sibling.

Yes **No** **Statement of Services:** Were services under ch. 48 or ch. 938 being provided to the child, any member of the child's family or alleged maltreater at the time of the incident, including any referrals received by the agency or reports being investigated at time of incident?

If "Yes", briefly describe the type of services, date(s) of last contact between agency and recipient(s) of those services, and the person(s) receiving those services:

At the time of the incident, the agency was assessing the December 10, 2019 CPS Report. The last contact by the agency was a visit to the foster home of the infant's 3-year-old sibling and 2-year-old sibling on December 11, 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.)

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

On December 10, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant and his now 3-year-old and 2-year-old siblings by the mother and father. The infant died during the assessment period and an additional report was made to the agency regarding the infant's death on December 12, 2019. An assessment of the allegations was completed by the agency and the initial allegations of neglect were substantiated.

On May 17, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant and his now 3-year-old and 2-year-old siblings by the mother. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated as the agency was unable to locate the family to complete the assessment and the case was closed.

On August 16, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 3-year-old and 2-year-old siblings by the mother and a relative. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On May 26, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 2-year-old sibling by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On June 23, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 3-year-old sibling by the mother, and to the infant's now 2-year-old sibling by the mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On June 18, 2016, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was accepted for services and referred to crisis services.

On March 19, 2016, the agency screened-in a Services Report. The family was accepted for services.

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

On September 14, 2016, the agency screened-in a Services Report.

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 infant's mother and father:

On December 10, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant and the his now 3-year-old and 2-year-old siblings by the mother and father. The infant died during the assessment period and an additional report was made to the agency regarding the infant's death on December 12, 2019. An assessment of the allegations was completed by the agency and the initial allegations of neglect were substantiated.

On June 18, 2019, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 17, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant and his now 3-year-old and 2-year-old siblings by the mother. The allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated as the agency was unable to locate the family to complete the assessment and the case was closed.

On August 16, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 3-year-old and 2-year-old siblings by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On August 8, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On August 1, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 26, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 2-year-old sibling by the mother. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of neglect was unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On February 15, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 23, 2017, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect to the infant's now 3-year-old sibling by the mother, and to the infant's now 2-year-old sibling by the mother and father. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

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The following is additional history related to the infant’s father only:

On September 14, 2016, the agency screened-in 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 infant by his father. Medical professionals determined the infant sustained injuries consistent with non-accidental trauma. The infant’s siblings were deemed unsafe, taken into temporary physical custody, and placed in a non-relative foster home. Petitions for Protection or Services were filed, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

B. Children residing in out-of-home care (OHC) placement at time of incident:

Description of the OHC placement and basis for decision to place child there:

N/A

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

N/A

Licensing history: Including type of license, duration of license, summary of any violations by licensee or an employee of licensee or other actions that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the welfare of the child.

N/A

Summary of any actions taken by agency in response to the incident: (Check all that apply.)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening of Access report | <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted or successful reunification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protective plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral to services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial assessment conducted | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation assistance |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary physical custody of child | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with medical professionals |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services) | <input 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 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.

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Case Tracking Number: 200107DSP-DOUG-975 **Agency:** Douglas County Department of Health and Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 3 weeks Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: White/Caucasian

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 01/07/2020

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

On January 8, 2020, the agency received a report regarding a 3-week-old infant brought to the hospital on January 7, 2020 with multiple injuries. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. 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 physical abuse to the infant by an unknown maltreater. Medical professionals determined the injuries were non-accidental. The infant had been placed in out-of-home care under a December 20, 2019 Temporary Physical Custody order and was deemed unsafe. The infant's placement was changed under an emergency order. The infant's sibling was deemed unsafe, and a protective plan was initiated. A Petition for Protection or Services was pending for the infant and a Petition for Protection or Services was filed for the infant's sibling. The case remained open to provide ongoing case management services.

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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:

At the time of the incident, the 3-week old infant was residing in court-ordered kinship care with her uncle and his spouse. The infant was originally placed in out-of-home care on December 20, 2019, after she was taken into Temporary Physical Custody due to neglect by her mother.

Description of all other persons residing in the OHC placement home:

At the time of the incident, the infant resided in court-ordered kinship care with her uncle and his spouse. At the time of the incident, the infant’s now 1-year old sister was also living with the uncle and his spouse under kinship care.

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