



May 17, 2021

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Dear Chief Clerk Queensland and Assembly Chief Clerk Blazel:

In compliance with 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 14, 2021. The following report(s), by report identification number, are included with this cover letter:

- 90 Day Report for 210123DSP-Burn-1042

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](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nadya Pérez-Reyes".

Nadya Pérez-Reyes
Assistant Secretary

Attachments

cc: Governor Tony Evers

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: 210123DSP-Burn-1042 **Agency:** Burnett County Department of Health and Human Services

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 17 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: American Indian/Alaskan Native

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 1/23/2021

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

On January 25, 2021, the agency received a report regarding a 17-year-old child pronounced deceased on January 23, 2021. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Coroner determined the death was accidental. No criminal charges relating to the child's death were filed, 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 of the child by the mother's boyfriend. The agency determined the child's 22-month-old half-brother safe and he remained with his mother. 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?

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 22-month-old half-brother, his mother's boyfriend, his maternal grandmother and his step-grandfather. The child's father was incarcerated at the time of the incident.

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 July 3, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child's now 22-month-old half-brother by the child's mother's boyfriend. 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 November 1, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child by the child's 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 and the family was referred to community services.

On September 25, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child and a non-related child by the child's 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 and the family was referred to community 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.)

Child:

On February 27, 2020, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse and neglect to the child by an unknown relative. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegations of sexual abuse and neglect were unsubstantiated. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

Child's Mother:

On July 19, 2019, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On July 3, 2019, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On November 2, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS report

On November 1, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child by the child's 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 and the family was referred to community services.

On September 25, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child and a non-related child by the child's 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 and the family was referred to community services.

On September 25, 2017, the agency screened-out a service report.

On July 14, 2017, the agency screened-out a CPS report.

On October 14, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS report.

On September 14, 2015, the agency screened-out a CPS report.

On March 31, 2015, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child by the child's 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.

Child's Father:

On April 18, 2011, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On January 29, 2008, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse of the child by the child's father. An assessment was unable to be completed as the agency was unable to locate source. The case was closed at the conclusion of the Initial Assessment.

Mother's Boyfriend/Alleged Maltreater:

On July 3, 2019, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging neglect of the child's now 22-month-old half-brother by the child's mother's boyfriend. 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 November 2, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS report.

On November 1, 2018, the agency screened-out a CPS report.

On November 1, 2018, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging physical abuse to a non-related child by the mother's boyfriend. An assessment was completed by the agency and the allegation of physical abuse was unsubstantiated. The Initial Assessment was closed; the family remained open for services under an unrelated services report.

On September 14, 2018, 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of neglect of the child by the mother's boyfriend. The agency determined the child's 22-month-old half-brother safe and he remained with his mother. 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): Collaboration with St. Croix Indian Child Welfare |

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.