

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: 230614DSP-LaCr-1238 **Agency:** La Crosse County Human Services Department

Child Information (at time of incident)

Age: 4 years Gender: Female Male

Race or Ethnicity: Black

Special Needs: None

Date of Incident: 6/14/23

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

On June 14, 2023, the agency received a report regarding a 4-year-old child pronounced deceased in her home. Law enforcement was contacted and initiated a criminal investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of death to be non-accidental head trauma; toxicology results are pending. As a result of law enforcement's investigation, an individual was charged with first degree intentional 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of death to be non-accidental head trauma; toxicology results are pending. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The agency deemed the child's siblings unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan that was later transitioned to an in-home Safety Plan with the mother. An Informal Dispositional Agreement was filed, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management.

Yes No Criminal investigation pending or completed?

Yes No Criminal charges filed? If yes, against whom? N/A

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, 6-year-old sibling, 8-year-old sibling, and 16-year-old relative. The child's father did not have regular contact.

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 7, 2022, the agency screened-in a CPS Report alleging sexual abuse to the child's now 8-year-old sibling by an unknown maltreater. An assessment was completed by the agency, and the allegation of sexual abuse was unsubstantiated. The family was referred to community services, and the case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On May 28, 2021, the agency screened-in a CPS report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the child's now 6-year-old sibling by the mother and father. 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 April 20, 2023, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

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On November 3, 2022, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On July 19, 2022, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On June 3, 2022, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On May 28, 2021, the agency screened-in a CPS report for Alternative Response alleging neglect to the child's now 6-year-old sibling by her parents. An assessment was completed by the agency with the determination of services not needed. The case was closed upon completion of the Initial Assessment.

On April 23, 2021, the agency screened-out a CPS Report.

On April 14, 2021, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On April 9, 2021, the agency screened-out a Services Report.

On October 6, 2020, 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 professionals to complete the assessment. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of death to be non-accidental head trauma; toxicology results are pending. The Initial Assessment completed by the agency found a preponderance of the evidence to substantiate maltreatment of physical abuse to the child by an unknown maltreater. The agency deemed the child's siblings unsafe and initiated a Protective Plan that was later transitioned to an in-home Safety Plan with the mother. An Informal Dispositional Agreement was filed, and the case remained open to provide ongoing case management.

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 a 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety plan implemented | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration with law enforcement |

- Temporary physical custody of child
- Petitioned for court order / CHIPS (child in need of protection or services)
- Placement into foster home
- Placement with relatives
- Ongoing Services case management

- Collaboration with medical professionals
- Supervised visitation
- Case remains open for services
- Case closed by agency
- Initiated efforts to address or enhance community collaboration on CA/N cases
- 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.