Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 108652000

County of Child's Residence: BEXAR

Gender: Female

Age: 8 Year(s) 7 Month(s)

Date of Death: 08/30/2022

On the date of the fatality, the child was not in DFPS conservatorship and was living with the child's parent, a managing conservator, a legal guardian or other person entititled to the child's possession.

Child's Name: Alvarado,Aurelia

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 08/31/22

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received an intake after mother strangled the deceased child and then committed suicide.

The Department's investigation revealed father arrived home and found both mother and the deceased child deceased. The siblings were not home when the incident occurred. Father admitted to occasional marijuana use for stress relief, claiming to use every three months. He uses outside of the home and away from the children. He denied mother had been diagnosed with any mental health conditions and had no idea what triggered her to harm herself and their daughter. Father did report that when maternal grandmother to the deceased child was mother's age, she also stabbed herself and tried to kill herself. The children were forensically interviewed and did not make any outcries of abuse or neglect. A family member reported there was knowledge of mother's depression two years prior. A family member believed mother had tried to seek mental health treatment in the past. Upon his second interview father reported he and the family tried to encourage her to see a psychiatrist or counselor to help her. He also reported that after the pandemic his wife became a hoarder. A family member reported depressive disorder ran in the family and that mother tried to take medication but stopped because she did not like the way it made her feel.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the mother committed physical abuse of the deceased child which led to the child's death.

Law enforcement investigated; however, the suspect passed away as well so no charges were filed.

The medical examiner found the cause of death for the deceased child was strangulation and mother's cause of death was due to self-inflicted stab wounds.

09/01/2022 Safety - Initial Safe
10/28/2022 Risk Very High

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Close

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

Bereavement counseling, burial assistance

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

None

If one or more children were previously removed from the home, for each conservatorship episode, summarize dates of conservatorship and type of placement at the end of conservatorship:

Not applicable

Other Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s):

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

Investigation Findings:

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

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