Child Fatality Report Release of Information to the Public

Person ID: 114894395

County of Child's Residence: BEXAR

Gender: Female

Age: 1 Year(s) 0 Month(s)

Date of Death: 09/13/2024

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: Grimes,Rowan H

Current Report(s) of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 09/13/2024

Summary of Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report following a response from law enforcement to the family residence, where they found the living conditions to be deplorable, and located the deceased child on what seemed to be a dog bed. After discovering their child unresponsive, the deceased child's mother and father waited more than an hour to contact the authorities. It was observed that neither the mother nor the father displayed any signs of concern.

The Department's investigation found that the deceased child was severely malnourished and there were concerns for the conditions of the home. The mother and father did not seek medical care for the child, even though they acknowledged that the child's condition was gradually worsening in their presence. The mother and father had prior experiences regarding malnutrition with the deceased child's sibling and were aware they needed to seek medical care. Furthermore, there was a delay of no less than one hour between the moment the child was discovered unresponsive and the time when 911 was contacted. Medical professionals indicated that the child's malnutrition was solely due to insufficient food intake. The sibling appeared to be in good health, adequately nourished, and without any signs of marks or bruises.

The Department consulted child abuse medical professionals with Forensic Assessment Center Networks, which determined that the primary reason for her malnutrition and eventual death was insufficient caloric intake. This constitutes significant proof of both physical and medical neglect.

The medical examiner conducted an autopsy and listed the cause of death as a result of protein calorie malnutrition

and the manner of death as homicide.

Law enforcement conducted an investigation that was still ongoing when the Department closed its investigation.

Investigation Findings:

The Department confirmed the mother and father committed medical neglect and physical neglect of the deceased child which led to the child's death.

The Department did not confirm the mother and father committed medical neglect or physical neglect of the sibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 09/13/2024: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 09/23/2024: Safety Assessment - Reassessment: Unsafe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Very High

Case Action:

Removal/Subcare

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Counseling and Evaluation

Other Services:

The family did not agree to services however were court ordered to complete services as part of the legal case.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

The Department sought and was granted Temporary Managing Conservatorship of the sibling, who was placed with her paternal grandmother.

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.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 12/28/2020

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report stating the deceased child's sibling, age 2 months, is continually crying and that the deceased child's mother and father are not responding to her needs. The sibling had been admitted to the hospital on 11/30/2020, because of her low weight as the mother and father were not providing her with food. The hospitalization of the sibling lasted for a total of four days. The parents expressed their desire for her not to be overweight. The mother indicated that she has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder and mentioned that she suffered sexual assault during her childhood.

The Department's investigation determined that there was no evidence that the mother and father were not feeding the sibling. The parents sought medical care when the sibling was not gaining weight, so the Dr. changed the formula. This was confirmed with the sibling's Dr. who reported after the formula change, the sibling started gaining weight and is currently thriving. The parents also indicated the sibling was colic and did cry a lot. The sibling was seen and no concerns were noted.

Investigation Findings:

The Department was not able to confirm the mother and father committed neglectful supervision of the sibling. The mother and father were following the doctor's orders.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 12/30/2020: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe
2.) 03/11/2021: Safety Assessment - Case Closure: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

No services or referrals were provided.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

Not applicable.

The investigation was closed.

Previous Report of Abuse/Neglect:

Intake Date(s): 04/24/2021

Summary of Previous Allegation(s)/Investigation:

The Department received a report with concerns for the deceased child's sibling, age 5 months, due to the deceased child's father marijuana use and his controlling and emotionally abusive behavior towards the deceased child's mother.

The Department's investigation determined that the father was positive for marijuana on a drug test however claimed the father only used CBD products. The mother tested negative and was the primary caregiver. There was no information obtained to determine if the father was ever the sole caregiver for the sibling while under the influence.

Investigation Findings:

The Department was unable to determine if the father committed neglectful supervision of the sibling.

Safety and Risk Assessment Factors Identified:

Structured Decision Making Safety Assessments:
1.) 04/27/2021: Safety Assessment - Initial: Safe

Risk Assessment Final Risk Level: Moderate

Case Action:

Services and Referrals Provided to the Family:

Other Services:

The family agreed to services and referrals offered, including the father attending a substance abuse assessment.

Other Actions Taken to Mitigate Risk:

A Family Team Meeting was held to discuss the concerns around drug use and develop family supports.

The investigation was closed.

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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