

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 8/17/2017

Agency Name: Clark County Department of Family Services (CCDFS)

Agency Address: 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89106-4309

Date of written notification to the Division of Child and Family Services and Legislative

Auditor: 8/17/2017

Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number: 1432860

Type of ☒ **48 Hour Notice** ☐ **15 Day Update** ☐ **30 Day Update** ☐ **Final**

Report:

☒ **Child** **Date of Death:** 8/15/2017

Fatality

☒ **Near** **Date of Near Fatality:** 8/13/2017

Fatality

☒ **Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of**
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department **law enforcement agency.**
(Name of agency)

Information for Release:

A. Date of the notification to the child welfare agency of the death of a child:

CCDFS was notified of the near fatality on 8/13/2017; and the fatality on 8/16/2017.

B. Location of child at the time of death or near fatality (city/county): Las Vegas, Clark

C. A summary of the report of abuse or neglect and a factual description of the contents of the report:

On 8/13/2017, CCDFS received a report that emergency services brought an unresponsive child to a local hospital via ambulance after his identified care provider called 911. The child had suffered a head injury. Medical personnel and law enforcement advised that the explanation provided for his injuries was not medically plausible and that the child was in critical condition.

On 8/16/2017, CCDFS received notice that the child succumbed to his injuries, late in the evening of 8/15/2017.

D. The date of birth and gender of child: 12/18/2015, Male

E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:

Near Fatality: 8/13/2017

Fatality: 8/15/2017

F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:

Release of the cause of the fatality will remain pending until receipt of official Coroner's documentation.

- G. Whether the agency had any contact with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and, if so:** (1) The frequency of any contact or communication with the child or a member of the child's family or household before the fatality or near fatality and the date on which the last contact or communication occurred before the fatality or near fatality; (2) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services provided any child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality; (3) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services made any referrals for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality; (4) Whether the agency which provides child welfare services took any other actions concerning the welfare of the child before or at the time of the fatality or near fatality; and (5) A summary of the status of the child's case at the time of the fatality or near fatality, including, without limitation, whether the child's case was closed by the agency which provides child welfare services before the fatality or near fatality and, if so, the reasons that the case was closed.

The information contained in this section is limited to contact(s) with the child who is the subject of this disclosure or a member of that child's family or household that is related to the fatality or near fatality incident. This limitation is required to preserve the confidentiality of all child abuse and neglect reports and records in order to protect the rights of the child and family as mandated by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.)

CCDFS has the following prior relevant CPS history for this child and/or his family:

CCDFS has an open case for this family. On 4/23/2017, a report was received alleging neglect. Court action was initiated with relevant family members being determined to be in need of protection. The allegations in the report were found to be substantiated. The family was placed under formal supervision and a case plan was put in place. Appropriate referrals and services were provided to the family.

CCDFS has the following additional prior relevant CPS history for the adults in whose care the child was in at the time of the fatality:

On 4/7/2003, 6/29/2006, 5/23/2017 referrals were received that did not rise to the level of warranting an investigation and were coded "Information Only."

10/16/2007 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegation was found unsubstantiated and the investigation was closed on 12/19/2007.

- H. Whether the agency which provides child welfare services, in response to the fatality or near fatality:** (1) Has provided or intends to provide child welfare services to the child or to a member of the child's family or household; and (2) Has made or intends to make a referral for child welfare services for the child or for a member of the child's family or household; and (3) Has taken or intends to take any other action concerning the welfare and safety of the child or any member of the child's family or household.

CCDFS has opened an investigation and is working in conjunction with local law enforcement. Family assessment is ongoing.

NON-DISCLOSURE NOTICE

The following information must not be released (see Policy on Public Disclosure of Child Fatality and Near Fatality Information, page 4): 1) Information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 2) the name of the reporting party or individual making an allegation or referral will not be released; 3) if the disclosure of the information would adversely affect any pending investigation concerning a report (NRS 432B.290(3)); 4) if the disclosure violates other federal or state law, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Family Educational and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), alcohol and drug abuse patient records (42 USC §290dd-2 and 42 CFR §212 (c)(6)), and any other applicable law.