

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 7/29/2019

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: 7/29/2019

Internal reference UNITY Case Number or Report Number: 1310672

Type of Disclosure:

☒ 48 Hour Child Fatality Notice

☐ 5 Business Day Near Fatality Notice

☐ 60 Day Update

☐ 9 Month/Final Update

☐ Final (Final checkbox left so that if it is a 60 day update they can select Final)

☒ Child Fatality

Date of Death: 7/26/2019

☐ Near Fatality

Date of Near Fatality:

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

INFORMATION FOR RELEASE

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

7/26/2019

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:

Law enforcement and emergency medical personnel responded to a local residence on a 9-1-1 call relating to an unresponsive infant. The Infant was transported to a local hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

D. The date of birth and gender of child:

5/15/2019, Male

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

7/26/2019

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 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 CPS history for this child and/or his family:

6/30/2004 – A report was received alleging abuse and neglect . Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found substantiated.

5/17/2007 – A report was received alleging neglect. CCDFS responded to the reported address and upon appropriate inquiry, information was received that the family no longer resided at the address. CCDFS conducted diligent search efforts to locate the family, including accessing relevant human services databased. Due to unsuccessful attempts to make contact with the family and insufficient information available to support the allegations, the allegations were unsubstantiated and the case closed.

9/30/2007 – A report was received alleging abuse and neglect. Court action was initiated and relevant family members were determined to be in need of protection. The allegations were found substantiated. The family was placed under formal supervision and a case plan put in place. Appropriate referrals and services were provided to the family. During the course of the open case, a report was received on 5/14/2010 alleging abuse that was found substantiated. This report involved an adult caregiver who the children had been placed with. The children were removed from this placement as a result of the report. On 3/8/2011, the court terminated jurisdiction and wardship, with the children being released into the care of the appropriate parent. The case closed.

4/12/2016 – A report was received alleging neglect. CCDFS responded to the reported address and upon appropriate inquiry, information was received that the family no longer resided at the address. CCDFS conducted diligent search efforts to locate the family, including accessing relevant human services databases. Due to unsuccessful attempts to make contact with the family and insufficient information available to support the allegations, the allegations were unsubstantiated and the case closed.

7/16/2017 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegation was found unsubstantiated. The family was provided with an appropriate brochure, as well as information regarding community resources.

9/15/2017 – A report was received alleging neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

7/6/2018 – A report was received alleging abuse. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated. The family was provided with referrals based upon their needs, as well as information regarding community resources, and the case closed.

5/15/2019 – A report was received alleging abuse and neglect. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

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 a case for investigation and family assessment.

NON-DISCLOSURE NOTICE

The following information must not be released (see Policy on Public Disclosure of Child Fatality and Near Fatality Information, page 5):

1) Information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 2) a privileged communication between attorney and client; 3) information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 4) the name of the reporting party or individual making an allegation or referral will not be released; 5) if the disclosure of the information would adversely affect any pending investigation concerning a report (NRS 432B.290(4)-(5)); 6) 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.