

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 10/28/2019

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: 9/4/2019

Internal reference UNITY Case Number or Report Number: 1404027

Type of Disclosure:

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| ☐ 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:**
- ☒ Near Fatality **Date of Near Fatality:** 8/26/2019
- ☐ Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of (Name of agency) law enforcement.

INFORMATION FOR RELEASE

- A. Date of the notification to the child welfare agency of the death of a child:**
8/28/2019
- 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:**
CCDFS received a report concerning the teenager who was hospitalized at a local hospital after having experienced a medical episode relating to an underlying medical condition. The teenager was treated at another local hospital before being transferred and subsequently admitted for ongoing care. At the time of admission, she was initially assessed as being in critical condition. A concern was noted that several factors, including that the teenager had reportedly been provided with marijuana to smoke, had exacerbated her medical condition.
- D. The date of birth and gender of child:**
1/23/2003, Female
- E. The date that the child suffered the fatality or near fatality:**
8/26/2019
- F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:**
No maltreatment was found to be a factor in this near fatality incident.
- 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 or member of the child's family or household:

3/9/2015 – A report was received alleging abuse. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegations were found unsubstantiated.

6/10/2015 – A report was received alleging abuse. Court action was initiated in the matter. The allegation in the report was substantiated. The child who is the subject of this disclosure was not made a ward of the court and was determined to be safe in the care and custody of the non-offending parent. A case plan was put in place and appropriate services and referrals were provided to the family. The court terminated jurisdiction in the matter and the case closed.

8/12/2015 – A referral was received and was coded "Information Only".

12/1/2016 – A report was received alleging abuse. Upon conclusion of a requisite investigation, the allegation was found unsubstantiated. The family was provided with an appropriate referral and resource guide for community services.

11/14/2017 – A report was received alleging 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 completed its investigation and family assessment. The investigation found no evidence to support the near fatality incident was a result of maltreatment. The family was provided with a list of community resources. They were not identified to be in need of any services nor further CPS intervention. The case is closed.

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.