

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: September 3, 2014

Agency Name: Washoe County Department of Social Services

Agency Address: P.O. Box 11130

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

Auditor: April 8, 2014

Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number: Case #1366467, Report # 1618997

Type of Report:  48 Hour Notice  15 Day Update  30 Day Update  Final

Child Fatality Date of Death: April 7, 2014

Near Fatality Date of Near Fatality:

Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of law enforcement.

(Name of agency)

Information for Release:

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

April 7, 2014

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

Washoe County, Nevada

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

WCDSS was notified that a 5yr. old was struck by a vehicle on a busy street and died. The report alleges that 2 young boys were playing outside unsupervised and the youngest one ran into the street and was hit by a car.

D. The date of birth and gender of child:

March 22, 2009- male child

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

April 7, 2014

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

Official cause of this fatality is multiple blunt force injuries. The manner of death is accident.

- 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.

10/2/10: Report received alleging neglect, physical risk by mom. RP feels mom is hooked on prescription drugs and is yelling at the kids. RP states that about a month ago the youngest child had bruises on his arm from mom grabbing him. This report was coded as Information Only.

1/3/11: Report received alleging that the mother is using excessive discipline with the kids and abusing prescription drugs. This report was assigned for investigation. The allegation was unsubstantiated.

4/23/12: Report received alleging Neglect- Lack of supervision, mother using prescription medication on the children without a prescription. RP says mom sleeps all the time and is showing signs of depression. RP has come into the residence on more than one occasion when the children are up and the parents are asleep. RP is concerned that the children are unsupervised on an ongoing basis. Rp is concerned that mom is slipping into a serious depression, and she gives the kids the medication to sleep so mom can either stay up or sleep and dad has signs of denial about it all. Rp also suspects that mom is misusing her own medications , unknown what her medication is for. Case was assigned for investigation and the allegations of neglect were unsubstantiated. The parents were offered a referral to a psychiatrist for their medications and the children's medication, but they didn't feel they needed this. A dental referral for the children was provided.

8/8/12: Report received alleging concerned for continued lack of supervision of the children and concerns that mom is abusing prescription drugs. Concerns that mother sleeps all day long, and sleeps through caring for her children. This report was unsubstantiated. The children were deemed safe in the care of their mother and father.

**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.

This fatality has been assigned for investigation. The other children in the home have been deemed safe from present danger and grief and loss services have been offered. The surviving child's grandparents have requested a guardianship of the child and a guardianship letter has been provided.

#### 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.

