

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: January 9, 2015

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: December 8, 2014

Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number: Case # 162809, Report # 1641817

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

Child Fatality Date of Death: December 6, 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:

December 6, 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:

A report was received that a child was found deceased in a private home and three other individuals were transported to the hospital and treated for substance overdose.

D. The date of birth and gender of child:

October 12, 1999; male

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

December 6, 2014

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

Official cause of this fatality is pending autopsy results.

- 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.

This case was not open to the agency upon the child's death. The following is a summary of the investigative and referral history for the family.

11/12/14: Report received and coded as information only. Report alleges that the mother has unmanaged mental health issues and is aggressive and threw a chair at her 15 yr. old child. In addition the mother was reported to be recently suicidal, however law enforcement had previously responded to the scene and cleared it as "negative suicidal".

5/4/14: Report received and coded as information only. Report alleged parent/child altercation. The teen was the aggressor in the incident. The home was also not clean but didn't pose a threat to the older children in the home.

12/18/13: Report received and coded as information only. Two teen children were battering each other during a therapist session for one of the teens. Mom seems to struggle with discipline and setting boundaries for the teens.

12/15/12: Report received and coded as information only. Allegation of teen girl being sexually exploited by a non relative non household member. Parents responded appropriately and are concerned about their daughter's welfare.

There are 2 additional IO's from 2007 and 1999.

10/24/12: Report received and coded for Investigation. Report alleged physical abuse of female minor. The minor and her mother were said to have gotten into a physical altercation. The minor indicates that her mother slapped her and she was attacked by her brother. This report was unsubstantiated.

8/17/01: Report received and coded for Investigation. Report was alleging physical abuse of female minor. The minor arrived to day care with fading bruises and indicated that "someone smacked me". This report was unsubstantiated.

6/20/01: Report received and coded for Investigation. Report was alleging threat of harm of 2 minor children. Allegations to include mom being under the influence and practicing her "strip tease" routines in front of the children. The report was unsubstantiated for neglect.

10/17/00: Report received and coded for Investigation. Report was alleging physical neglect of three young children; the allegations were concerning the children's physical health as they appeared to be in dirty diapers and have white blotches. General neglect concerns. This report was 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.

This fatality has been assigned for investigation. There are no other children currently in the home.

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.

