

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: January 11, 2016

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 7, 2015

Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number: Case #1398293, Report # 1678492

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

Child Fatality Date of Death:

Near Fatality Date of Near Fatality: December 4, 2015

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 4, 2015, the agency was notified of a near fatality event

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:

Child was brought to the local hospital and was found to have a large brain bleed. Life saving measures were implemented, and the child remains hospitalized.

D. The date of birth and gender of child:

January 24, 2014; male child

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

December 4, 2015

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

The department has concluded that the cause of the near fatality was due to physical abuse resulting in non-accidental head trauma.

- 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.

10/6/15- Report was received alleging domestic violence in the home, along with unsafe conditions for the children to include knives and prescription medication bottles within their reach. This report was assigned for investigation and closed as unsubstantiated.

5/6/15- Report was received that there was a domestic dispute requiring medical intervention for the children's mother. The report was coded as Information Only.

- 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 near fatality has been assigned for investigation. Present danger was found for the other children in the home and those children are currently in protective custody. A petition for legal oversight has been filed and the Department will maintain an open case with regards to the other children. They remain in out of home placement to date.

#### 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.



