

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 5/2/16

Agency Name: Washoe County Department of Social Services

Agency Address: P.O. Box 11130, Reno, NV 89520

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

Auditor: 4/1/16

Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number: Case #1335732; Report #1690667

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

☒ **Child Fatality** **Date of Death:** 4/1/16

☐ **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:

4/1/16

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

Reno/Washoe

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

The infant was found unresponsive on a mattress where he had been sleeping with his parent. Emergency responders transported him to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

D. The date of birth and gender of child:

11/16/15; male

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

4/1/16

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

Undetermined pending autopsy.

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.

3/10/07 – WCDSS received a report that a sibling had injuries on the head while in a relative's care and was taken to a local hospital by the parent and relative. The report states that the household had other young children in the home who fall on this child and that the injuries were consistent with that occurring. No services were provided as the family could not be located after initial contact. The report was unsubstantiated for abuse or neglect and the case closed on 4/21/07.

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.

WCDSS continues to conduct a joint investigation with law enforcement. Grief and loss resources were provided to the family. The siblings are deemed safe.

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.