

# CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

**Date:** 8/9/16

**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:** 2/4/16

**Internal reference UNITY ID or Report Number:** Case #1391561; report #1684374

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

**Child Fatality** **Date of Death:** 2/4/16

**Near Fatality** **Date of Near Fatality:**

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

(Name of agency)

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## Information for Release:

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

2/4/16

**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:**

On 2/3/16 the infant was seen at a local hospital due to illness. On 2/4/16 emergency services were called to a residence after the infant was found unresponsive on the bed with a parent. The infant was transported to a local hospital where the infant was pronounced deceased.

**D. The date of birth and gender of child:**

10/14/15

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

2/4/16

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

Acute myocarditis, (probable bacterial); abnormal CAH 17-OHP test. Manner of death is natural.

**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.

10/15/15 Child neglect report received stating that the mother and newborn tested positive for methamphetamine. She was again referred for a substance abuse evaluation but she had not followed through with this referral. The report was unsubstantiated and the case still open at the time of today's report.

8/21/15 Child neglect report received alleging that the toddler was found outside of the home with butcher knives. Law enforcement responded and found that the mother and toddler were napping and he woke up without her knowing, got into a drawer normally not accessible to him in the kitchen and was able to unlock the door. A referral to a Human Services Support Specialist to provide assistance with basic needs and therapeutic referral services to include a referral for a substance abuse evaluation but she failed to follow through with any of these services. She did, however, complete parenting classes. The report was unsubstantiated.

6/5/15 Report received alleging that the oldest child is outside late at night unsupervised and then would not attend school the following day. Report notes Truancy is involved due to unexcused absences. The report was coded as Information Only.

3/7/14 Child neglect report received alleging domestic violence between the parents to include the father beating the mother, breaking her cell phone and threatening to kill her. The report goes on to allege that the father tells the child he hates her and calls her names. During the investigation drug use was noted by the mother therefore referrals were made for substance abuse counseling. She was also referred to a domestic violence advocate, although the parents denied the allegations. The report was unsubstantiated and the case closed.

10/24/13 Mother suffered a fetal demise 28 weeks pregnant. She had no prenatal care advising she was unaware of the pregnancy and she tested positive for methamphetamine. This report was coded as an Information Only report.

**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 conducted a joint investigation with law enforcement, both cases are being closed. The siblings have been deemed safe. Grief and loss referrals have been provided to the family as well as other community referrals.

#### 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.