CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 4/4/2022
Agency Name: Washoe County Human Services Agency
Agency Address: 350 South Center Street, Reno NV 89520
Date of written notification to the Division of Child and Family Services and Legislative Auditor: 4/4/2022
Internal reference UNITY Case Number: 1258217

Child Fatality
Date of Death: 3/8/2022

INEW INFORMATION FOR RELEASE

A. Date of the notification to the child welfare agency of the fatality/near fatality of a child:
   4/1/2022

B. Location of child at the time of death or near fatality (city/county):
   Reno, NV; Washoe County

C. A summary of the report of abuse or neglect and a factual description of the contents of the report:
   On 4/1/2022 during the community child death review meeting it was learned that a teenage youth was
   found bleeding and unresponsive on his bedroom floor by family friend. Emergency medical services
   was called but no life saving measures were performed as the youth was pronounced deceased. This
   report was not called in to children’s services at the time of death as the suspects being pursued are not
   responsible for the care of the youth.

D. The date of birth and gender of child:
   09/20/2005; Male

E. The date that the child suffered the fatality:
   3/8/2022

F. The cause of the fatality, if such information has been determined:
   Stabbing to Brain Stem

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.

Prior History:

2009-2019 Nine Unsubstantiated reports for abuse and/or neglect
2011 and 2007 Two substantiated reports for abuse and/or neglect
2015 Report assigned for Differential Response
2001-2019 21 Information Only reports that were not assigned for an assessment
The information contained in this section is limited to contact(s) with the child who is the subject of this disclosure or a member of that child's family or household that is related to the fatality or near fatality incident. This limitation is required to preserve the confidentiality of all child abuse and neglect reports and records in order to protect the rights of the child and family as mandated by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.).

Agencies to check with legal representation if language is needed.

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.

WCHSA was not notified of this fatality until 4/1/2022 and this case was not assigned as there is not indication of abuse or neglect by a person responsible for his welfare. Law enforcement continues to work the investigation at this time.

NON-DISCLOSURE NOTICE

The following information must not be released (see Policy on Public Disclosure of Child Fatality and Near Fatality Information, page 5): 1) Information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 2) a privileged communication between attorney and client; 3) information regarding the sibling(s) of a deceased child; 4) the name of the reporting party or individual making an allegation or referral will not be released; 5) if the disclosure of the information would adversely affect any pending investigation concerning a report (NRS 432B.290(4)- (5)); 6) 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.