

## CHILD WELFARE AGENCY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FORM

Date: 11/3/2021

Agency Name: Washoe County Human Services Agency

Agency Address: 350 South Center Street, Reno, NV 89512

Date of written notification to the Division of Child and Family Services and Legislative Auditor: 11/3/2021

Internal reference UNITY Case Number: 1433584

### Type of Disclosure:

- 48 Hour Child Fatality Notice       5 Business Day Near Fatality Notice       60 Day Update  
 9 Month/Final Update       Final (Final checkbox left so that if it is a 60 day update they can select Final)

- Child Fatality      Date of Death: 11/1/2021  
 Near Fatality      Date of Near Fatality: 10/31/2021  
 Portions of information on this form have been withheld at the request of (Name of agency) law enforcement.

### INFORMATION FOR RELEASE

- A. Date of the notification to the child welfare agency of the death of a child:  
10/31/2021
- 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 the morning of October 31, 2021, WCHSA received a report indicating the Near Fatality of a five-month-old. Initial reports appear to indicate an unsafe sleep related incident as the infant had been placed lying down on her back at the foot of the parent's bed. She was later found unresponsive and not breathing. A slight pulse was detected after arriving at the emergency room. She was deemed to be in critical condition and placed on life support. She was placed on life support, she passed away on 11/1/2021.
- D. The date of birth and gender of child:  
6/5/2021; Female
- E. The date that the child suffered the fatality:  
Near Fatality: 10/31/2021  
Fatality: 11/1/2021
- F. The cause of the fatality or near fatality, if such information has been determined:  
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.

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.).

**Prior History/Involvement:**

6/6/2021 A referral was received and coded as information only

7/2/2020 A referral was received and coded as information only

1/2/2018 An assessment was completed and substantiated for physical injury abuse and physical injury neglect

8/31/2017 An assessment was completed and unsubstantiated for substance exposed infant

**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.

The case remains open and supportive services are being offered to the family. A police report was filed, and a detective is assigned.

[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.