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This report, prepared pursuant to section 20(5) of the Social Services Law (SSL), concerns:

- A report made to the New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR) involving the death of a child.
- The death of a child for whom child protective services has an open case.
- The death of a child whose care and custody or custody and guardianship has been transferred to an authorized agency.
- The death of a child for whom the local department of social services has an open preventive service case.

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is mandated by section 20 of the SSL to investigate or cause for the investigation of the cause and circumstances surrounding the death, review such investigation, and prepare and issue a fatality report in regard to the categories of deaths noted above involving a child, except where a local or regional fatality review team issues a report, as authorized by law.

Such report must include: the cause of death; the identification of child protective or other services provided or actions taken regard to such child and child’s family; any extraordinary or pertinent information concerning the circumstances of the child’s death; whether the child or the child’s family received assistance, care or services from the social services district prior to the child’s death; any action or further investigation undertaken by OCFS or the social services district since the child’s death; and as appropriate, recommendations for local or state administrative or policy changes.

This report contains no information that would identify the deceased child, his or her siblings, the parent, parents, or other persons legally responsible for the child, and any members of the deceased child’s household.

By statute, this report will be forwarded to the social services district, chief county executive officer, chairperson of the local legislative body of the county where the child died and the social services district that had legal custody of the child, if different. Notice of the issuance of this report will be sent to the Speaker of the Assembly and the Temporary President of the Senate of the State of New York.

This report may **only** be disclosed to the public by OCFS pursuant to section 20(5) of the SSL. **It may be released by OCFS only after OCFS has determined that such disclosure is not contrary to the best interests of the deceased child’s siblings or other children in the household.**

OCFS’ review included an examination of actions taken by individual caseworkers and supervisors within the social services district and agencies under contract with the social services district. The observations and recommendations contained in this report reflect OCFS’ assessment and the performance of these agencies.



Abbreviations

Relationships		
BM-Biological Mother	SM-Subject Mother	SC-Subject Child
BF-Biological Father	SF-Subject Father	OC-Other Child
MGM-Maternal Grand Mother	MGF-Maternal Grand Father	FF-Foster Father
PGM-Paternal Grand Mother	PGF-Paternal Grand Father	DCP-Day Care Provider
MGGM-Maternal Great Grand Mother	MGGF-Maternal Great Grand Father	PGGF-Paternal Great Grand Father
PGGM-Paternal Great Grand Mother	MA/MU-Maternal Aunt/Maternal Uncle	PA/PU-Paternal Aunt/Paternal Uncle
FM-Foster Mother	SS-Surviving Sibling	PS-Parent Sub
CH/CHN-Child/Children	OA-Other Adult	
Contacts		
LE-Law Enforcement	CW-Case Worker	CP-Case Planner
Dr.-Doctor	ME-Medical Examiner	EMS-Emergency Medical Services
DC-Day Care	FD-Fire Department	BM-Biological Mother
CPS-Child Protective Services		
Allegations		
FX-Fractures	II-Internal Injuries	L/B/W-Lacerations/Bruises/Welts
S/D/S-Swelling/Dislocation/Sprains	C/T/S-Choking/Twisting/Shaking	B/S-Burns/Scalding
P/Nx-Poisoning/ Noxious Substance	XCP-Excessive Corporal Punishment	PD/AM-Parent's Drug Alcohol Misuse
CD/A-Child's Drug/Alcohol Use	LMC-Lack of Medical Care	EdN-Educational Neglect
EN-Emotional Neglect	SA-Sexual Abuse	M/FTTH-Malnutrition/Failure-to-thrive
IF/C/S-Inadequate Food/ Clothing/ Shelter	IG-Inadequate Guardianship	LS-Lack of Supervision
Ab-Abandonment	OTH/COI-Other	
Miscellaneous		
IND-Indicated	UNF-Unfounded	SO-Sexual Offender
Sub-Substantiated	Unsub-Unsubstantiated	DV-Domestic Violence
LDSS-Local Department of Social Service	ACS-Administration for Children's Services	NYPD-New York City Police Department
PPRS-Purchased Preventive Rehabilitative Services	TANF-Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	FC-Foster Care
MH-Mental Health	ER-Emergency Room	COS-Court Ordered Services
OP-Order of Protection	RAP-Risk Assessment Profile	FASP-Family Assessment Plan
FAR-Family Assessment Response	Hx-History	Tx-Treatment
CAC-Child Advocacy Center	PIP-Program Improvement Plan	yo- year(s) old
CPR-Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	ASTO-Allowing Sex Abuse to Occur	



Case Information

Report Type: Child Deceased
Age: 1 month(s)

Jurisdiction: Steuben
Gender: Male

Date of Death: 06/28/2020
Initial Date OCFS Notified: 06/28/2020

Presenting Information

An SCR report alleged the 1-month-old male child slept in a semi-reclined bouncer. The parents slept on the floor next to the bouncer. On 6/28/2020, at 5:00 AM, the father took the child out of the bouncer and fed the child for 45 minutes. The father put the child back in the bouncer and buckled him in. For the next 45 minutes, the father watched the child. At 6:30 AM, the father went back to sleep. At 8:00 AM, the father woke up and found the child face-down on the floor, unresponsive. He was pronounced deceased on 6/28/2020. A subsequent report alleged the mother allowed the child to put a blanket over his head. The child cried for hours at a time and the adults did not tend to his needs. The adults abused methamphetamine to the point of impairment while caring for the child and siblings. The adults manufactured methamphetamine and left drug paraphernalia accessible to the children. The adults failed to bathe the children and as a result they were dirty with dirty diapers.

Executive Summary

This fatality report concerns the death of the 1-month-old SC that occurred on 6/28/2020. A report was made to the SCR on the same day regarding concerns the SC was found face-down and unresponsive. A subsequent report concerned the parents and other home members used methamphetamines to the point of impairment and were unable to care for the SC and his two siblings, ages 1 and 3 years. At the time of his death, the SC resided with his parents, two siblings, maternal grandmother, the grandmother's partner and an unrelated home member. The mother had a 6-year-old child who resided with her paternal grandmother for years prior to the death and the sibling had no contact with the SC. The maternal uncle and a family friend were present at the time of the death; however, did not reside in the home. A safety plan was created; the adults would not have unsupervised contact with the siblings who were in the care of the maternal grandfather and his partner after the death. The siblings were assessed to be safe in the care of family members.

Steuben County Department of Social Services (SCDSS) coordinated investigative efforts with law enforcement upon learning of the death. At the time this report was written, the criminal investigation remained open. An autopsy was performed; however, the results remained pending at the time this report was written. The coroner reported the child did not have any external trauma, but toxicology reports showed the SC had methamphetamines in his system.

The father reported he fed the SC early in the morning, burped the SC, and placed him in a bouncer. The SC was leaning to his side due to being propped by a blanket and the father reported the SC was buckled into the bouncer. When the father woke up around 8:00 AM, he observed the SC to be face-down on the floor next to the siblings who were playing. The mother said she was woken up by the 3-year-old sibling and saw the SC on the floor and began screaming for help. The grandmother, her partner and the unrelated home member heard the mother screaming and 911 was called. The grandmother performed CPR until first responders arrived and took over life-saving measures. The SC was transported to the hospital where he was declared deceased at 9:07 AM.

The adults in the home denied using illicit drugs except for marijuana; however, the parents were drug tested during the investigation and tested positive for methamphetamines and amphetamine on several occasions. The parents agreed the siblings were safe in the care of the maternal grandfather and his partner. SCDSS filed an Article 10 Neglect Petition in family court and the siblings were placed in the care and custody of the grandfather and his partner. At the time this report was written, family court matters were ongoing.

SCDSS gathered information from extended family members and friends, the coroner, medical staff and first responders.



Collateral contacts mentioned concerns the maternal grandmother and her partner abused methamphetamines and manufactured drugs in their garage. Law enforcement did not find evidence of drug use or manufacturing on the property. The grandmother and her partner refused drug testing during the investigation.

Multiple home visits were made to the case address as well as the maternal grandfather's home where the siblings resided after the death. The family members were offered an abundance of services in response to the death, including bereavement services, mental health counseling and housing assistance. Furthermore, the family was offered drug addiction services and a Preventive Services Case was opened as the siblings remained in the care of family members and SCDSS were working with the parents toward reunification.

SCDSS completed required reports and Safety Assessments timely and accurately. At the time this report was written, the investigation remained open.

Findings Related to the CPS Investigation of the Fatality

Safety Assessment:

- **Was sufficient information gathered to make the decision recorded on the:**
 - **Approved Initial Safety Assessment?** Yes
 - **Safety assessment due at the time of determination?** N/A
- **Was the safety decision on the approved Initial Safety Assessment appropriate?** Yes

Determination:

- **Was sufficient information gathered to make determination(s) for all allegations as well as any others identified in the course of the investigation?** The CPS report had not yet been determined at the time this Fatality report was issued.
- **Was the determination made by the district to unfound or indicate appropriate?** N/A

Explain:

Casework activity was commensurate with case circumstances.

Was the decision to close the case appropriate? N/A

Was casework activity commensurate with appropriate and relevant statutory or regulatory requirements? Yes

Was there sufficient documentation of supervisory consultation? Yes, the case record has detail of the consultation.

Explain:

The investigation remained open at the time this report was written.

Required Actions Related to the Fatality



Are there Required Actions related to the compliance issue(s)? Yes No

Fatality-Related Information and Investigative Activities

Incident Information

Date of Death: 06/28/2020

Time of Death: 09:07 AM

Time of fatal incident, if different than time of death:

Unknown

County where fatality incident occurred:

Steuben

Was 911 or local emergency number called?

Yes

Time of Call:

08:18 AM

Did EMS respond to the scene?

Yes

At time of incident leading to death, had child used alcohol or drugs?

Yes

Child's activity at time of incident:

Sleeping

Working

Driving / Vehicle occupant

Playing

Eating

Unknown

Other

Did child have supervision at time of incident leading to death? Yes

How long before incident was the child last seen by caretaker? 3 Hours

At time of incident supervisor was:

Drug Impaired

Absent

Alcohol Impaired

Asleep

Distracted

Impaired by illness

Impaired by disability

Other:

Total number of deaths at incident event:

Children ages 0-18: 1

Adults: 0

Household Composition at time of Fatality

Household	Relationship	Role	Gender	Age
Deceased Child's Household	Deceased Child	Alleged Victim	Male	1 Month(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Father	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	25 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Grandparent	Alleged Perpetrator	Female	42 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Mother	Alleged Perpetrator	Female	21 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Other Adult - Maternal Grandmother's Partner	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	49 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Other Adult - Unrelated Home member	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	56 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Sibling	Alleged Victim	Male	3 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Sibling	Alleged Victim	Female	1 Year(s)
Other Household 1	Grandparent	No Role	Male	42 Year(s)



Other Household 1	Other Adult - Grandfather's Partner	No Role	Female	41 Year(s)
Other Household 2	Aunt/Uncle	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	19 Year(s)
Other Household 3	Other Adult - Unrelated adult	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	25 Year(s)

LDSS Response

Within 24 hours of receiving the SCR report on 6/28/2020, SCDSS completed a CPS history check, coordinated investigative efforts with LE and contacted the source.

LE reported the SF fed the SC around 5:00 AM and at around 8:00 AM, the parents found the SC face-down on the floor with his SS. EMS responded to the home and transported the SC to the hospital. The SF told LE that the parents were sleeping on the floor and the SC's bouncer was in front of them. The 1yo SS was in a Pack 'N Play and the 3yo SS slept on the couch. The SF woke to the sound of the SS' playing and saw the SC was face-down on the floor next to them. He said the SC slept in a Pack 'N Play until a week prior to his death because the SC was unable to sleep on his back, so the parents placed him in a bouncer with a blanket. The SF buckled the SC into the bouncer and thought the 1yo SS unbuckled the SC as she had been unbuckling her car seat. The SC's bouncer had 2 blankets and a pacifier in it. The straps appeared to be unused and were tucked under the seat and it was evident the SC would not have been able to be buckled in the with the blankets in place. LE searched the property and did not find any drug related concerns. LE reported performing CPR until EMS arrived.

SCDSS interviewed the family alongside LE at home. The SM said the SC was face-down and not moving. He did not look right, and she screamed to the MGM the SC was unresponsive. The MGM called 911 and began CPR. The MGM said she ran upstairs to help, and the SC was on the couch. She called 911 around 8:00 AM and began CPR. The MGM's partner said he was in the garage at the time the SC was found unresponsive and heard screaming. He went inside, and saw the SM holding the SC's lifeless body. The unrelated home member heard screaming and saw EMS taking the SC to the ambulance. He stated the SC usually slept in the Pack 'N Play. All adults denied drug use except for marijuana. The SS were unable to be interviewed due to their ages. A safety plan was immediately implemented for the SS to be in the care of the MGF and his partner with supervised visits with the parents. Additionally, the SS were not to be around the MGM or her partner.

On 6/29/2020, a home visit was made to the MGF and his partner's home. The home was deemed safe for the SS. They expressed concerns the MGM abused drugs but did not have concerns for the parents. According to the MGF's partner, the parents said the 1yo SS unstrapped the SC and took him out of the bouncer and the 3yo SS tried to put the SC down but got scared and dropped him. SCDSS gathered information from the maternal great grandmother who expressed concerns for the MGM's drug abuse. It was learned the 3yo SS was in the care of the MGF and his partner in the past due to drug concerns.

On 6/30/2020, the parents tested positive for illicit drugs, yet denied using anything but marijuana. The parents continued to test positive during the investigation.

After several attempts to contact the MU, he was able to be interviewed over the phone and declined to meet in person. He said he did not reside in the home but was sleeping there at the time of the incident. He did not have information related to the death and denied drug abuse allegations. Additionally, the unrelated home member reported he was sleeping at the home and woke up to the SF screaming the SC was not breathing. The MGM performed CPR and the friend took the SS outside. He last saw the SF making and feeding the SC a bottle around 5:30 AM. He too denied drug abuse and an in-person interview.

The coroner noted there was no external trauma to the SC, but he had a positive toxicology for methamphetamine. At the



time of this writing, the CPS and LE investigations remained open pending results of the autopsy. Furthermore, the SS remained in the care of the MGF and his partner as family court proceedings were ongoing.

Official Manner and Cause of Death

Official Manner: Pending

Primary Cause of Death: Pending

Person Declaring Official Manner and Cause of Death: Unknown

Multidisciplinary Investigation/Review

Was the fatality investigation conducted by a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)? Yes

Was the fatality reviewed by an OCFS approved Child Fatality Review Team? No

Comments: Steuben County does not have an OCFS-approved Child Fatality Review Team.

SCR Fatality Report Summary

Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054943 - Aunt/Uncle, Male, 19 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054941 - Other Adult - Unrelated Home member, Male, 56 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054941 - Other Adult - Unrelated Home member, Male, 56 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054941 - Other Adult - Unrelated Home member, Male, 56 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054942 - Other Adult - Unrelated adult, Male, 25 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054943 - Aunt/Uncle, Male, 19 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054943 - Aunt/Uncle, Male, 19 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054936 - Father, Male, 25 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054939 - Grandparent, Female, 42 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054939 - Grandparent, Female, 42 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054939 - Grandparent, Female, 42 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054940 - Other Adult - Maternal Grandmother's Partner, Male, 49 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054940 - Other Adult - Maternal Grandmother's Partner, Male, 49 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending



054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054940 - Other Adult - Maternal Grandmother's Partner, Male, 49 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054940 - Other Adult - Maternal Grandmother's Partner, Male, 49 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054939 - Grandparent, Female, 42 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054935 - Mother, Female, 21 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054942 - Other Adult - Unrelated adult, Male, 25 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054935 - Mother, Female, 21 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054936 - Father, Male, 25 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054936 - Father, Male, 25 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054935 - Mother, Female, 21 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054936 - Father, Male, 25 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054930 - Deceased Child, Male, 1 Mons	054935 - Mother, Female, 21 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054939 - Grandparent, Female, 42 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054935 - Mother, Female, 21 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054939 - Grandparent, Female, 42 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054935 - Mother, Female, 21 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054939 - Grandparent, Female, 42 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054936 - Father, Male, 25 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054940 - Other Adult - Maternal Grandmother's Partner, Male, 49 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054935 - Mother, Female, 21 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054940 - Other Adult - Maternal Grandmother's Partner, Male, 49 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054943 - Aunt/Uncle, Male, 19 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054940 - Other Adult - Maternal Grandmother's Partner, Male, 49 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054943 - Aunt/Uncle, Male, 19 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending



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054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054936 - Father, Male, 25 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054941 - Other Adult - Unrelated Home member, Male, 56 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054936 - Father, Male, 25 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054937 - Sibling, Male, 3 Year(s)	054943 - Aunt/Uncle, Male, 19 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054940 - Other Adult - Maternal Grandmother's Partner, Male, 49 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054935 - Mother, Female, 21 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054940 - Other Adult - Maternal Grandmother's Partner, Male, 49 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054940 - Other Adult - Maternal Grandmother's Partner, Male, 49 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054939 - Grandparent, Female, 42 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054939 - Grandparent, Female, 42 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054939 - Grandparent, Female, 42 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054935 - Mother, Female, 21 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054943 - Aunt/Uncle, Male, 19 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054936 - Father, Male, 25 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054943 - Aunt/Uncle, Male, 19 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054943 - Aunt/Uncle, Male, 19 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054936 - Father, Male, 25 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054941 - Other Adult - Unrelated Home member, Male, 56 Year(s)	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054935 - Mother, Female, 21 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Pending
054938 - Sibling, Female, 1 Year(s)	054936 - Father, Male, 25 Year(s)	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Pending

CPS Fatality Casework/Investigative Activities

	Yes	No	N/A	Unable to Determine
All children observed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



When appropriate, children were interviewed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alleged subject(s) interviewed face-to-face?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All 'other persons named' interviewed face-to-face?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact with source?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All appropriate Collaterals contacted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was a death-scene investigation performed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was there discussion with all parties (youth, other household members, and staff) who were present that day (if nonverbal, observation and comments in case notes)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coordination of investigation with law enforcement?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was there timely entry of progress notes and other required documentation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional information:

Attempts were made to interview all subjects face-to-face; however the other adult and uncle declined to be interviewed in person.

Fatality Safety Assessment Activities

	Yes	No	N/A	Unable to Determine
Were there any surviving siblings or other children in the household?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was there an adequate assessment of impending or immediate danger to surviving siblings/other children in the household named in the report:				
Within 24 hours?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At 7 days?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At 30 days?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was there an approved Initial Safety Assessment for all surviving siblings/ other children in the household within 24 hours?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any safety issues that need to be referred back to the local district?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

When safety factors were present that placed the surviving siblings/other children in the household in impending or immediate danger of serious harm, were the safety interventions, including parent/caretaker actions adequate?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Fatality Risk Assessment / Risk Assessment Profile

	Yes	No	N/A	Unable to Determine
Was the risk assessment/RAP adequate in this case?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



During the course of the investigation, was sufficient information gathered to assess risk to all surviving siblings/other children in the household?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Was there an adequate assessment of the family's need for services?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Did the protective factors in this case require the LDSS to file a petition in Family Court at any time during or after the investigation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were appropriate/needed services offered in this case	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explain:
The parents accepted the services offered to them by SCDSS.

Placement Activities in Response to the Fatality Investigation

	Yes	No	N/A	Unable to Determine
Did the safety factors in the case show the need for the surviving siblings/other children in the household be removed or placed in foster care at any time during this fatality investigation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Were there surviving children in the household that were removed either as a result of this fatality report / investigation or for reasons unrelated to this fatality?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, court ordered?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explain as necessary:
The parents voluntarily placed the children with the MGF and his partner immediately following the death; however, SCDSS filed an Article 10 Neglect Petition and the children were placed in the custody of the MGF and his partner under a 1017 placement.

Legal Activity Related to the Fatality

Was there legal activity as a result of the fatality investigation?

Family Court Criminal Court Order of Protection

Family Court Petition Type: FCA Article 10 - CPS		
Date Filed:	Fact Finding Description:	Disposition Description:
07/29/2020	There was not a fact finding	There was not a disposition
Respondent:	054935 Mother Female 21 Year(s)	
Comments:	The siblings were placed in the custody of the maternal grandfather and his partner under Article 1017 on 7/30/2020. The Neglect Petition was pending in Family Court at the time this report was written.	

Family Court Petition Type: FCA Article 10 - CPS		
Date Filed:	Fact Finding Description:	Disposition Description:
07/29/2020	There was not a fact finding	There was not a disposition
Respondent:	054936 Father Male 25 Year(s)	



Comments: The siblings were placed with the maternal grandfather and his partner and remained in their care at the time this report was written.

Services Provided to the Family in Response to the Fatality

Services	Provided After Death	Offered, but Refused	Offered, Unknown if Used	Not Offered	Needed but Unavailable	N/A	CDR Lead to Referral
Bereavement counseling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Funeral arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental health services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foster care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homemaking Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parenting Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic Violence Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Early Intervention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol/Substance abuse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intensive case management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family or others as safety resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional information, if necessary:

The parents were offered housing assistance; however, it remained unknown if they utilized the referral. The 3-year-old sibling was referred to Early Intervention. The parents were referred to mental health and bereavement counseling as well as addiction services; however, they were not fully compliant with the services.

Were services provided to siblings or other children in the household to address any immediate needs and support their well-being in response to the fatality? N/A

Explain:

The children were too young to benefit from available services in response to the fatality.

Were services provided to parent(s) and other care givers to address any immediate needs related to the fatality? Yes

Explain:



The parents were receptive to receiving mental health counseling and addiction services counseling; however, the parents did not attend appointments regularly.

History Prior to the Fatality

Child Information

- Did the child have a history of alleged child abuse/maltreatment? Yes
- Was the child ever placed outside of the home prior to the death? No
- Were there any siblings ever placed outside of the home prior to this child's death? Yes
- Was the child acutely ill during the two weeks before death? No

Infants Under One Year Old

During pregnancy, mother:

- Had medical complications / infections
- Misused over-the-counter or prescription drugs
- Experienced domestic violence
- Was not noted in the case record to have any of the issues listed
- Had heavy alcohol use
- Smoked tobacco
- Used illicit drugs

Infant was born:

- Drug exposed
- With neither of the issues listed noted in case record
- With fetal alcohol effects or syndrome

CPS - Investigative History Three Years Prior to the Fatality

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
05/12/2020	Deceased Child, Male, 1 Days	Mother, Female, 21 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	No

Report Summary:

An SCR report alleged the mother gave birth to the subject child on 5/11/2020. The mother was positive for marijuana at the time of delivery. The roles of the father, grandparents and siblings were unknown.

Report Determination: Unfounded

Date of Determination: 06/22/2020

Basis for Determination:

The investigation was unfounded as the child did not test positive for any substances following his birth. The mother reported using marijuana during the pregnancy as she felt ill and was unable to eat. Collateral contacts stated there was no evidence to support the child was affected by the mother's cannabis use. The child was discharged from the hospital without special care instructions. The parents were not observed to be impaired during the investigation.

OCFS Review Results:

The investigation was initiated timely and a CPS history check was noted. The Safety Assessments were completed timely and accurately. The Risk Assessment Profile was thorough. Written notice of the SCR report was provided timely. Safe sleep information was discussed with the parents, who were familiar with the guidelines.

Are there Required Actions related to the compliance issue(s)? Yes No



Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
01/24/2019	Sibling, Female, 6 Months	Grandparent, Female, 41 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	No
	Sibling, Female, 6 Months	Grandparent, Female, 41 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 6 Months	Grandparent, Female, 41 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 2 Years	Grandparent, Female, 41 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 2 Years	Grandparent, Female, 41 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 2 Years	Grandparent, Female, 41 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 6 Months	Mother, Female, 20 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 6 Months	Mother, Female, 20 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 6 Months	Mother, Female, 20 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 2 Years	Mother, Female, 20 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 2 Years	Mother, Female, 20 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 2 Years	Mother, Female, 20 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 6 Months	Unrelated Home Member, Male, 48 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 6 Months	Unrelated Home Member, Male, 48 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 6 Months	Unrelated Home Member, Male, 48 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 2 Years	Unrelated Home Member, Male, 48 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 2 Years	Unrelated Home Member, Male, 48 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 2 Years	Unrelated Home Member, Male, 48 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 6 Months	Father, Male, 23 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 6 Months	Father, Male, 23 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated	
Sibling, Female, 6 Months	Father, Male, 23 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated		



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Sibling, Male, 2 Years	Father, Male, 23 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated
Sibling, Male, 2 Years	Father, Male, 23 Years	Lack of Supervision	Unsubstantiated
Sibling, Male, 2 Years	Father, Male, 23 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated

Report Summary:

An SCR report alleged the parents, grandmother and her partner abused and manufactured methamphetamine in the home and in the presence of the siblings. After using, the adults would pass out, leaving the children unsupervised in the home. It was unknown if the children had access to the drug or the paraphernalia used to manufacture it.

Report Determination: Unfounded

Date of Determination: 03/25/2019

Basis for Determination:

SCDSS unsubstantiated the allegations of Inadequate Guardianship, Lack of Supervision and Parent's Drug/Alcohol misuse. The investigation did not reveal evidence of methamphetamines or manufacturing supplies in the home. The adults denied any drug use or manufacturing. The mother continuously provided sober supervision to the children.

OCFS Review Results:

The investigation was initiated timely and a CPS history check was noted. Home visits were made, and the safety of the children was assessed. The 7-day Safety Assessment was completed timely. The adults were provided with written notice of the SCR report timely. Safe sleep guidelines were reviewed with the family.

Are there Required Actions related to the compliance issue(s)? Yes No

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
07/27/2018	Sibling, Female, 1 Days	Mother, Female, 19 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	No
	Sibling, Female, 1 Days	Mother, Female, 19 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	

Report Summary:

An SCR report alleged the mother had a positive toxicology for THC at the time of the sibling's birth on 7/26/18. The mother had a child removed from her care a year ago and had not regained custody of that child. The role of the father and 1-year-old sibling were unknown.

Report Determination: Unfounded

Date of Determination: 12/05/2018

Basis for Determination:

The allegations of Parent Drug/Alcohol Misuse and Inadequate Guardianship were unsubstantiated against the mother regarding the 1-year-old sibling. The investigation revealed the eldest sibling is not in the care of her parents as she had a medical disease the sibling's parents were unable to care for. The investigation did not reveal credible evidence the newborn sibling was impacted by the mother's positive toxicology at the time of delivery.

OCFS Review Results:

The investigation was initiated timely and the source of the report was contacted. The Safety Assessments reflected case circumstances. The safety of the siblings was assessed, and several home visits were made. Progress notes were entered timely and safe sleep information was provided.

Are there Required Actions related to the compliance issue(s)? Yes No

Date of SCR Report	Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome	Compliance Issue(s)
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09/03/2017	Sibling, Male, 3 Months	Mother, Female, 19 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Unsubstantiated	No
	Sibling, Male, 3 Months	Mother, Female, 19 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Unsubstantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 3 Months	Father, Male, 22 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 3 Months	Father, Male, 22 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Aunt/Uncle, Male, 17 Years	Father, Male, 22 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Aunt/Uncle, Male, 17 Years	Father, Male, 22 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 3 Months	Grandparent, Female, 39 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 3 Months	Grandparent, Female, 39 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Aunt/Uncle, Male, 17 Years	Grandparent, Female, 39 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Aunt/Uncle, Male, 17 Years	Grandparent, Female, 39 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 3 Months	Other Adult - Grandmother's Partner, Male, 50 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Male, 3 Months	Other Adult - Grandmother's Partner, Male, 50 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Aunt/Uncle, Male, 17 Years	Other Adult - Grandmother's Partner, Male, 50 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Aunt/Uncle, Male, 17 Years	Other Adult - Grandmother's Partner, Male, 50 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	

Report Summary:

An SCR report alleged at the time the 3-year-old sibling was 3 months old, he resided with his parents, grandmother, the grandmother's boyfriend and uncle. All the adults abused methamphetamines to the point where they were unable to effectively care for the sibling. The adults allowed the grandmother's partner to manufacture methamphetamine in the home or the garage, knowing that the child is around. The mother lost custody of her other children to CPS.

Report Determination: Indicated

Date of Determination: 12/18/2017

Basis for Determination:

The allegations of Parent Drug/Alcohol Misuse and Inadequate Guardianship were substantiated against the parents, the grandmother and her partner regarding the sibling and another child. The grandmother's partner was arrested as drug paraphernalia and precursors to manufacturing methamphetamine were found in the garage. The parents denied knowledge of the drugs and moved out of the home with the sibling. The father tested positive for illicit substances twice during the investigation and was present with the sibling when drug paraphernalia was located. The mother tested negatively for drugs. The grandmother was substantiated as she lived in the home the paraphernalia was found.

OCFS Review Results:

The investigation was initiated timely and a CPS history check was documented. SCDSS coordinated investigative efforts with LE. The caseworker provided safe sleep recommendations and assessed the safety of the home. When safety factors were identified, a safety plan was implemented. Written notice of the report and written notice of indication were provided to the adults. The Safety Assessments were completed timely and accurately and a safety plan was implemented.



Are there Required Actions related to the compliance issue(s)? Yes No

CPS - Investigative History More Than Three Years Prior to the Fatality

1/20/16- 6/1/16 The MGM was substantiated for EDN of a child.

10/17/16- 11/28/16 The MGM was substantiated for EDN of a child.

4/14/16- 9/23/16 The MGM and mother were substantiated for IG and EDN of a child. The mother and MGM were unsubstantiated for the IG and LMED regarding eldest sibling.

9/24/14- 11/25/14 The mother and father of the eldest sibling were unsubstantiated for IG, IF/S/C, and XOTH regarding the eldest sibling (in the care of the paternal grandmother).

5/14/12- 7/27/12 The MGM and her partner were substantiated for IG of other children.

1/30/12 -3/23/12 The MGM and her partner were unsubstantiated for XOTH regarding a child.

10/8/10- 12/14/10 The MGM was substantiated for IF/C/S, LMED, IG and LS of other children. She was unsubstantiated for CD/A, PD/AM, and IG of children.

12/9/09- 5/25/10 The MGM and her partner were substantiated for IG and LMED regarding a child and unsubstantiated regarding the mother. XOTH was unsubstantiated regarding the mother and a child against the MGM and her partner.

Known CPS History Outside of NYS

There was no known CPS history outside of New York.

Preventive Services History

A Services case was opened as drugs were found in the grandmother's home. The drugs belonged to the grandmother's partner. There was a concern for the uncle's truancy. The eldest sibling resided with her paternal grandmother and had Stage IV cancer needs the mother could not meet. The eldest sibling was placed with relatives under an Article 6 Petition. It was ordered the mother cooperate with Preventive Services and engage in parenting classes and substance abuse programs. The mother completed her goals. The case was closed as the uncle turned 18 and there were no children in the grandmother's care.

Legal History Within Three Years Prior to the Fatality

Was there any legal activity within three years prior to the fatality investigation? There was no legal activity

Recommended Action(s)

Are there any recommended actions for local or state administrative or policy changes? Yes No



Are there any recommended prevention activities resulting from the review? Yes No