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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		



Case Information

Report Type: Child Deceased
Age: 10 day(s)

Jurisdiction: Chemung
Gender: Male

Date of Death: 06/28/2019
Initial Date OCFS Notified: 07/01/2019

Presenting Information

An SCR report was received with concerns on 6/28/19, the mother found the 10-day-old subject child unresponsive in his Pack 'N Play. The mother took the child to the hospital where attempts to revive him were unsuccessful. The child was pronounced deceased at the hospital, and the roles of the father and sibling were unknown.

Executive Summary

This fatality report concerns the death of a 10-day-old male subject child (SC) that occurred on 6/28/19. A report was made to the SCR on that same date with allegations of DOA/Fatality and Inadequate Guardianship against the child's mother (SM) and father (SF). Chemung County Department of Social Services (CCDSS) received the report and conducted a thorough investigation into the child's death. An autopsy was completed, and the official cause and manner of death were ruled as undetermined. The final report noted the following: "Only gross findings were of congested lungs and mild cerebral edema. The role of pre- and post-natal exposure to maternal cocaine metabolites cannot be determined, although the presence of benzoylecgonine in the post-mortem blood from mothers' milk suggests an unsafe environment for a vulnerable newborn."

CCDSS had been involved with the family since March 2019 as there was an ongoing investigation regarding concerns the mother and father were using drugs while caring for the 2-year-old surviving sibling (SS), and that the mother would breastfeed the sibling after using illicit substances. Prior to the fatality report, the parents initially denied drug use; however, CCDSS could not locate the family from March to June 2019 to investigate further. At the time of the fatality, the child resided with her mother and sibling, and the father was staying at the mother's residence to help with the children.

It was discovered in the early morning hours on 6/28/19, the mother had been breastfeeding the child in her bed at 1:30 AM. When finished, the mother placed the child on his back inside a Pack 'N Play, propped on a Boppy pillow; the mother and child then went back to sleep. The father and sibling were asleep in the bed beside the mother. The mother awoke at 5:00 AM and picked up the child to feed him, finding the child unresponsive. The mother's cell phone was not working, so she ran on foot with the child to the hospital. Upon arrival, hospital staff came to the child's aid and law enforcement was called. Resuscitation efforts were administered; however, the child was declared deceased.

From the time the investigation began to the time of its conclusion, CCDSS interviewed all family members and an abundance of collateral sources. It was noted the parents had received education surrounding safe sleep guidelines and the mother and father were made aware of the dangers of drug use while caring for the children and while breastfeeding prior to the death of the child. The investigation revealed the mother had been using illicit substances in the days leading up to the fatality, and the child's preliminary autopsy revealed cocaine metabolites and alcohol in his system at the time of his death. CCDSS filed a neglect petition in family court and the sibling was placed with her maternal grandmother (MGM). CCDSS indicated the allegations against the parents for both the fatality and the investigation preceding it. Family court proceedings remained ongoing at the time of this writing, and the family remained engaged in a CPS services case.

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? Yes
- 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? Yes, sufficient information was gathered to determine all allegations.
- Was the determination made by the district to unfound or indicate appropriate? Yes

Explain:

CCDSS continually assessed the safety of the SS during their involvement with the family. CCDSS gathered evidence to appropriately determine all allegations.

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 level of casework activity was commensurate with the case circumstances. The case was appropriately determined and opened for CPS services.

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: 06/28/2019

Time of Death: 02:30 AM (Approximate)

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

County where fatality incident occurred: Chemung

Was 911 or local emergency number called? No

Did EMS respond to the scene? No



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

No

Child's activity at time of incident:

- Sleeping
- Playing
- Other

- Working
- Eating

- Driving / Vehicle occupant
- Unknown

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
- Alcohol Impaired
- Distracted
- Impaired by disability
- Absent
- Asleep
- Impaired by illness
- 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	10 Day(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Mother	Alleged Perpetrator	Female	21 Year(s)
Deceased Child's Household	Sibling	No Role	Female	2 Year(s)
Other Household 1	Father	Alleged Perpetrator	Male	24 Year(s)

LDSS Response

On 6/28/19, CCDSS received a report regarding the death of SC. CCDSS initiated their investigation within 24 hours and coordinated their efforts with LE. CCDSS was aware of the SS and worked promptly to assess that child's safety.

CCDSS had been involved with the family since March 2019, as they were investigating an SCR report with allegations SM and SF were using drugs while caring for SS. There were further concerns SM would breastfeed SS after using. CCDSS worked diligently to investigate these allegations; however, the family was uncooperative with the department and could not be located from March until June.

Upon learning of SC's death on 6/28/19, CCDSS and LE met with SM and SF at the hospital; MGM was also present. SM reported she last breastfed SC at 1:30 AM and then placed SC on a Boppy pillow on his back in a Pack 'N Play; SM then fell back to sleep. SM reported she awoke at 5:00 AM and tried to feed SC, but he would not latch. SM then noticed SC had blood coming from his mouth and would not wake up. SM explained she picked up SC and ran with him two blocks to the ER. SM stated SF drove with SS to the ER to meet them, and SC could not be saved. SM reported she delivered SC full-term; however, did not find out she was pregnant until she was 23 weeks. SM admitted to using marijuana and cigarettes daily prior to finding out she was pregnant. SM stated SF did not live in her home but had been staying with SM and the CHN since SC's birth. SF also smoked marijuana regularly, but not in the presence of the CHN. CCDSS and LE attempted to interview SF; however, he was "hysterical" and unable to cooperate. Due to the concerns alleged in the report, a safety plan was implemented where MGM would supervise SM and SF's contact with SS until further notice. SS



was observed and deemed safe.

On 6/28/19, CCDSS again met with the family at the MGM’s home, where SM and SS were staying. The home was observed to be free from hazards. CCDSS met briefly with SM and conducted an oral swab to test for any recent drug use. CCDSS also observed SM breastfeed SS during this interaction.

On 7/2/19, CCDSS gathered information from medical providers that SM did not receive consistent prenatal care and on 6/12/19, SM tested positive for cocaine. It was also noted SM tested positive for marijuana on 6/17/19, and again positive for marijuana the day SC was born. Information was also gathered regarding SF overdosing on drugs in November 2018. On 7/8/19, CCDSS received the results from SM’s oral swab drug test administered on 6/28/19; SM was positive for cocaine and marijuana. CCDSS was informed by medical staff that SM would have had to have used cocaine within 24-48 hours of the drug test in order to test positive. Upon receipt of this information, CCDSS promptly contacted SM, MGM, and SF to inform all SM could no longer breastfeed SS, and CCDSS moved forward with filing a neglect petition in family court. CCDSS requested SS be tested for drugs in her system due to breastfeeding. The test was completed, and the results were negative.

On 7/15/19, an Article 10 removal hearing took place, and SM and SF consented to a temporary removal of SS. SS was placed with MGM, and an order of supervision was issued for both parents. SF consented to a drug test and the results were positive for marijuana and alcohol use.

On 7/26/19, CCDSS received information from the ME that SC had cocaine in his blood and some alcohol in his stomach contents. The ME later determined SC died within one hour of breastfeeding, and “cocaine certainly played a role in the child’s death.”

CCDSS completed a thorough investigation which included interviews with family members and numerous collateral sources. The criminal investigation and family court proceedings remained ongoing at the time of this writing. A CPS services case was opened in response to the filing of the neglect petition. Evidence was found to support the allegations and CCDSS indicated the case.

Official Manner and Cause of Death

Official Manner: Undetermined

Primary Cause of Death: Undetermined if injury or medical cause

Person Declaring Official Manner and Cause of Death: Medical Examiner

Multidisciplinary Investigation/Review

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

Comments: This fatality investigation was conducted by the Chemung County MDT.

Was the fatality reviewed by an OCFS approved Child Fatality Review Team? Yes

Comments: This fatality was reviewed by the Chemung County Child Fatality Review Team.

SCR Fatality Report Summary

Alleged Victim(s)	Alleged Perpetrator(s)	Allegation(s)	Allegation Outcome
052237 - Deceased Child, Male, 10 Days	052238 - Mother, Female, 21 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Substantiated



052237 - Deceased Child, Male, 10 Days	052239 - Father, Male, 24 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
052237 - Deceased Child, Male, 10 Days	052238 - Mother, Female, 21 Year(s)	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated
052237 - Deceased Child, Male, 10 Days	052239 - Father, Male, 24 Year(s)	DOA / Fatality	Substantiated

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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:

CCDSS interviewed all household members as well as all appropriate collateral sources. Progress notes were entered timely.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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:
 Ongoing concerns surrounding the parents drug and alcohol use led to the removal of SS. SS was placed with MGM and an order of supervision was implemented via family court. A CPS services case was opened and remained ongoing at the time of this writing.

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 SS was removed from the parents and placed in the care and custody of MGM.

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:
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07/15/2019	There was not a fact finding	Direct Custody to/or Continued with Relative (Article 10)
Respondent:	052238 Mother Female 21 Year(s)	
Comments:	On 7/15/19, CCDSS filed a neglect petition in family court and SS was placed in the care of MGM. An order of supervision was put into place against the parents, and they were not to be around SS unsupervised at any time. A CPS services case was opened and the parents were compelled to engage in substance abuse and mental health evaluations, as well as numerous other services.	

Family Court Petition Type: FCA Article 10 - CPS		
Date Filed:	Fact Finding Description:	Disposition Description:
07/15/2019	There was not a fact finding	Direct Custody to/or Continued with Relative (Article 10)
Respondent:	052239 Father Male 24 Year(s)	
Comments:	On 7/15/19, CCDSS filed a neglect petition in family court and SS was placed in the care of MGM. An order of supervision was put into place against the parents, and they were not to be around SS unsupervised at any time. A CPS services case was opened and the parents were compelled to engage in substance abuse and mental health evaluations, as well as numerous other services.	

Have any Orders of Protection been issued? Yes	
From: 07/15/2019	To: Unknown
Explain: An order of supervision was ordered via family court which stated the parents could not be unsupervised with SS at any time.	

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic support	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Funeral arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Domestic Violence Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Early Intervention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol/Substance abuse	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family or others as safety resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Other, specify: CPS Services Case Opened

Additional information, if necessary:

CCDSS opened a CPS services case to address a multitude of ongoing concerns within the family.

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? Yes

Explain:

Referrals for grief services were provided to the family.

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

Explain:

Referrals for grief services were provided to the family, including the grandparents. A CPS services case was opened in response to the neglect proceedings that were ongoing.

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?** No
- 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:

- With neither of the issues listed noted in case record
- Drug exposed
- 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)
03/13/2019	Sibling, Female, 1 Years	Mother, Female, 20 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Substantiated	No
	Sibling, Female, 1 Years	Mother, Female, 20 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 1 Years	Mother, Female, 20 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 1 Years	Father, Male, 24 Years	Inadequate Food / Clothing / Shelter	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 1 Years	Father, Male, 24 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 1 Years	Father, Male, 24 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	

Report Summary:

This report was received with concerns SM and SF were using drugs while caring for SS. There were further concerns SM was breastfeeding SS after drug use, and the conditions of the home were hazardous. The report also alleged SM and SF engaged in physical altercations with one another while SS was in the room.

Report Determination: Indicated

Date of Determination: 09/16/2019

Basis for Determination:

CCDSS completed a thorough investigation into the allegations. All family members were interviewed, and collateral sources were contacted. CCDSS found evidence that SM and SF were using drugs while caring for SS. SC was born and died during this investigation. CCDSS appropriately indicated and closed the case.

OCFS Review Results:

This investigation met all statutory requirements.

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)
05/28/2018	Sibling, Female, 1 Years	Father, Male, 23 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	No
	Sibling, Female, 1 Years	Father, Male, 23 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 1 Years	Mother, Female, 20 Years	Inadequate Guardianship	Substantiated	
	Sibling, Female, 1 Years	Mother, Female, 20 Years	Parents Drug / Alcohol Misuse	Substantiated	

Report Summary:

This report was received with concerns on 5/27/18, SM overdosed on drugs in the presence of SS. The report alleged SF was unresponsive on the kitchen floor with a bag of white crystalline substances and a pipe nearby. The drug and paraphernalia were accessible to SS. SM had an unknown role.

Report Determination: Indicated

Date of Determination: 11/29/2018

Basis for Determination:

CCDSS completed a thorough investigation into the allegations. All family members were interviewed, and collateral



sources were contacted. SM reported she was unaware what drugs SF had been using, as she thought he only occasionally smoked marijuana. CCDSS provided substance abuse referrals, and appropriately indicated and closed the case to community-based services.

OCFS Review Results:

This investigation met all statutory requirements.

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

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

There was no CPS history more than three years prior to the fatality.

Known CPS History Outside of NYS

There was no known CPS history outside of NYS.

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