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REPORT ON THE FATALITY OF

Jacques Omari Twinn

Date Of Birth: 05/21/2009

Date Of Death: 11/07/2011

FAMILY WAS NOT KNOWN TO YORK COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6340)

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Reason for Review

Senate Bill No. 1147 now known as Act 33 was signed on July 3, 2008 and went into effect 180 days from that date, December 30, 2008. This Act amends the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) and sets standards for reviewing and reporting child fatality and near child fatalities that were suspected to have occurred due to child abuse. DPW must conduct child fatality and near fatality reviews and provide a written report on any child fatality or near fatality where child abuse is suspected.

Family Constellation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Jacques Omari Twinn	Victim Child	05/21/2009
[REDACTED]	Sibling	[REDACTED] 2010
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED] 1991
[REDACTED]	Father	[REDACTED] 1988
[REDACTED]	Paramour	[REDACTED] 1973

Notification of Fatality/Near Fatality:

On 11/7/2011 both children, Jacques and [REDACTED], were being babysat by mother's boyfriend, [REDACTED] in his home. Jacques defecated in his pants and was told to go get in the bathtub and start a bath. The paramour left the child unattended in the tub. When he walked past the bathroom door the child's face was in the water. Child would not wake up, so [REDACTED] picked up the child and ran out into the street. A neighbor called 911 and the child was taken to the York Hospital.

Documentation Reviewed and Individuals Interviewed:

For this review Central Region interviewed: [REDACTED] Supervisor at York County Children & Youth Services and [REDACTED] Case Worker at York County Children & Youth Services

Central Region reviewed: Child Death Data Tool, Police Report, Case file, and Autopsy Report

Case Chronology:

Previous CY Involvement:

The family was not known to York County Children, Youth and Family Services

Circumstances of Child's Fatality or Near Fatality:

On 11/7/2011 both children, Jacques and [REDACTED], were being babysat by mother's boyfriend, [REDACTED] in his home while their mother went to do the laundry. Jacques defecated in his pants and was told to go get in the bathtub and start a bath. The paramour left the child unattended in the tub. When he walked past the bathroom door the child's face was in the water. Child would not wake up so [REDACTED] picked up the child and ran out into the street. A neighbor called 911 and the child was taken to the York Hospital. Jacques was in cardiac arrest when he arrived at the hospital. He was then transferred to the Hershey Medical Center, where he died on 11/7/2011. The autopsy was performed on 11/8/2011 by the York County Coroner. It was determined that the cause of death was multiple blunt force traumas. The manner of death was homicide. His injuries included:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

The child was seen on 11/03/2011, the Thursday before his death at the [REDACTED] for injuries received during a basketball game. His biological father brought him to the hospital as he was hit in the head by a basketball and fell to the ground. The nurse allegedly sent a [REDACTED] to York County Children, Youth and Family Services but no one ever received the information. The nurse had some concerns about child abuse.

Current/Most Recent Status of Case:

York City Police Department arrested the mother's paramour, [REDACTED] for the homicide of Jacques. [REDACTED], the child's mother has not been charged as of yet.

[REDACTED] was placed with her maternal grandmother [REDACTED]. No other services are needed at this time. [REDACTED] biological father resides in Maryland with a relative. He has a DUI and there was domestic violence between him and the mother. Once paternity was established, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has not stated that he wants to be a resource for [REDACTED] as it is believed that he has five other children. He has expressed that he is happy with [REDACTED] being with her grandmother and he has only visited her 3 times over the past few months. When the children were with their mother, maternal grandmother reported that the mother avoided her and kept the children away from her.

██████████ services were provided to the mother, ██████████, for 30 days. Mother was not cooperative and missed appointments so the services were closed. Mother was also provided visitation twice a week for two hours but has failed to show up for visits. Mother has not been in contact and does not have stable housing. ██████████. The sibling remains with her grandmother. ██████████ is the only service in the grandmother's home. No other services are needed at this time.

Services to Children and Families:

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County Strengths and Deficiencies as identified by the County's Near Fatality Report:

The County held the Act 33 meeting on this case on November 30, 2011. There was some discussion about the ██████████ nurse seeing the child on Thursday when he received injuries from the basketball incident. The nurse allegedly sent a ██████████ to York County Children, Youth and Family services but neither York County nor Child Line services received the information.

Recommendations for changes at the Local Levels as identified by Fatality Report:

None

Department of Public Welfare Findings:

The case ██████████ by York County Children, Youth and Family Services on January 4, 2012 naming ██████████ as the ██████████ and ██████████, mother, as a ██████████. Regional office reviewed medical records, case file, and autopsy and interviewed the assigned worker from the county. The County held the Act 33 meeting on November 30, 2011.

The child was seen on 11/03/2011, the Thursday before his death at the ██████████ ER for injuries received during a basketball game. His biological father brought him to the hospital as he was hit in the head by a basketball and fell to the ground. The nurse allegedly sent a ██████████ to York County Children, Youth and Family Services but no one ever received the information. The nurse had some concerns about child abuse.

Jacques's case has been closed but his sibling, [REDACTED] case remains active and accepted for service. York City Police Department arrested the mother's paramour, [REDACTED] for the homicide of the child.

County Strengths: The County conducted an appropriate investigation meeting all regulatory time frames.

County Weaknesses: Area of concern was discussed during the Act 33 fatality meeting as to the nurse from [REDACTED] submitting a [REDACTED] that was not received by the agency.

Statutory and Regulatory Compliance Issues: None