



pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

REPORT ON THE FATALITY OF:

Baby Boy Calloway

Date of Birth: 5/28/15
Date of Death: 5/29/15
Date of Report to ChildLine: 5/29/15
CWIS Referral ID: [REDACTED]

**FAMILY NOT KNOWN TO THE COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH
AGENCY:**

Philadelphia Department of Human Services

REPORT FINALIZED ON:

01/21/2016

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(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6340)

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(23 Pa. C.S. Section 6349 (b))

Reason for Review:

Pursuant to the Child Protective Services Law, the Department, through OCYF, must conduct a review and provide a written report of all cases of suspected child abuse that result in a fatality or near fatality. This written report must be completed as soon as possible but no later than six months after the date the report was registered with ChildLine for investigation.

The Child Protective Services Law also requires that county children and youth agencies convene a review when a report of child abuse involving a fatality or near fatality is substantiated or when a status determination has not been made regarding the report within 30 days of the report to ChildLine.

Philadelphia County has convened a review team in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law related to this report. The county review team was convened on 6/19/15.

Family Constellation:

<u>First and Last Name:</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Baby Boy Calloway	Victim child	05/28/2015
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED] 1997
[REDACTED]	Full Sibling	[REDACTED] 2008
[REDACTED]	Full Sibling	[REDACTED] 2010
[REDACTED]	Full Sibling	[REDACTED] 2011
[REDACTED]	Mat. Grandmother	[REDACTED] 1971
* [REDACTED]	Biological father	[REDACTED] 1988
** [REDACTED]	Biological father	Unknown

* [REDACTED] is the father of [REDACTED] and does not reside in the home.

** [REDACTED] is the father of [REDACTED] does not reside in the home. His whereabouts are unknown.

Summary of OCYF Child Fatality Review Activities:

The Southeast Regional Office of Children, Youth and Families obtained and reviewed current [REDACTED] investigative information including the [REDACTED] as well as written case documentation from the Philadelphia Department of Human Services. The Southeast Regional

Program Representative also obtained the final autopsy report from the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office. The Program Representative also attended the Act 33 meeting which was held on 06/19/2015 where a thorough case presentation was given. The Program Representative also obtained periodic case updates (telephone calls) from the Philadelphia Department of Human Services worker, [REDACTED] who completed the [REDACTED] investigation, and from the [REDACTED] case manager, [REDACTED] and from the Philadelphia Police Special Victim's Unit, Detective [REDACTED]

Children and Youth Involvement prior to the Incident:

The family has no prior history with the Philadelphia Department of Human Services.

Circumstances of the Fatality and Related Case Activity:

On 05/28/2015, the mother, [REDACTED] delivered a baby boy in the home. [REDACTED] was alone at the time of the birth. The newborn was then placed in a duffel bag [REDACTED] allegedly fell during the incident and suffered a head wound and was subsequently hospitalized at the Hospital of the University Of Pennsylvania (HUP) that same day without notifying family members or hospital officials that she had just given birth. Family members discovered the infant the next morning on 5/29/15 in a duffel bag within the [REDACTED] and brought the child to the hospital for medical attention. The newborn was pronounced dead on 05/29/2015 at 5:58pm by [REDACTED] the Hospital of the University Of Pennsylvania (HUP).

[REDACTED] was already [REDACTED] at the hospital (HUP) when the child arrived with family members, [REDACTED] as a result of a fall the day before on 5/28/15. [REDACTED] was again examined and the physician also determined that [REDACTED] had recently given birth.

[REDACTED] was not immediately available for questioning on 5/29/15 by [REDACTED] the Philadelphia Department of Human Services (DHS). The Philadelphia DHS social worker was able to interview mother in the hospital on 06/03/2015. [REDACTED] reported going into the bathroom to take a bath and fell, hitting her head which did require stitches. [REDACTED] states that she does not remember giving birth. [REDACTED] identified the father of her children and admitted to being in a relationship with [REDACTED] claims that she did not know that she was pregnant as she "kept getting her period."

[REDACTED] the father of the two youngest children, [REDACTED] came to the Philadelphia DHS office to obtain the boys but was unable to have them

go with him or a relative (paternal aunt). Even though both had criminal records, this did not preclude them from caring for the children; however neither appeared to have appropriate or stable housing for the children. It is not known if [REDACTED] is the father of the victim child.

The father of the oldest child [REDACTED] is identified as [REDACTED] by [REDACTED]. She reports that she has not maintained a relationship with him and he has not been involved in his son's life for a number of years.

The Philadelphia DHS social worker visited the family home where [REDACTED] resides and met with the maternal grandmother, [REDACTED], who was initially hostile but later did appear to cooperate in giving information. At first the siblings were allowed to remain with the grandmother however when Philadelphia DHS performed clearances, the grandmother's came back with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A maternal aunt was considered as a resource but issues regarding the home's roof were discovered which made it unsafe for the children to immediately reside in the home.

The maternal aunt offered more information regarding [REDACTED]. She stated that both she and the grandmother knew that [REDACTED] was pregnant however [REDACTED] denied the condition. The aunt also stated that [REDACTED] was under a lot of financial stress and was having interpersonal problems with the father [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Philadelphia Department of Human Service investigator states that there were concerns about the validity of mother's story in that she admitted that she could remember some details concerning the incident while denying other aspects. This appeared inconsistent with a total lapse of memory loss as [REDACTED] asserts. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A full autopsy report obtained from the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office revealed that the child was determined to be a full term infant at the time of delivery and weighed 6.6 lbs. The report also states that there were "no signs of trauma or congenital malformations." The toxicology report was determined to be negative for drugs or any other concerning substances. The cause and manner of death was "undetermined."

At the time of the incident, the family did not have an open case with the Philadelphia Department of Human Services and was therefore not receiving any services.

The child's siblings were removed from the home and subsequently placed with a maternal aunt [REDACTED]. That placement failed because of physical site issues and the

children are now in foster care in 2 separate homes. [REDACTED] (age 7) is in one home and [REDACTED] (age 4) and [REDACTED] (age 4) are in another home. They are all being serviced by [REDACTED]. The permanency goal for the children is to return to home with a concurrent plan of adoption. [REDACTED] the oldest child, continues to attend his community school. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] does well in school. All of the children like their foster homes and it was reported by the school and day care providers that the children are being appropriately cared for. The children continue to have regular medical appointments at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Recently [REDACTED] had breathing issues and is [REDACTED] recently had a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Despite being notified, the father has had no contact with his children and has not made himself available for visitation or services.

The mother continues to live in the family home. The last Single Case Plan (SCP) was scheduled for 07/15/2015. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The mother is to receive [REDACTED], parenting classes, obtain appropriate full time employment, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was felt by the CUA worker that the mother is only marginally working on her goals. [REDACTED]

Summary of County Strengths and Deficiencies and Recommendations for Change as Identified by the County's Child Fatality Report:

The Act 33 meeting occurred on June 16, 2015.

- **Strengths in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families;**

The team felt that the Philadelphia DHS worker did a good job investigating the case and conferencing with her chain of command.

The case work documentation was also noted to be clear and thorough.

The team also felt that there was good collaboration between the Philadelphia Department of Human Services, the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office and the Philadelphia Police Department.

- **Deficiencies in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families;**

No deficiencies were noted

- **Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on reducing the likelihood of future child fatalities and near fatalities directly related to abuse;**

No recommendations were noted.

- **Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on monitoring and inspection of county agencies**

No recommendations were noted.

- **Recommendations for changes at the state and local levels on collaboration of community agencies and service providers to prevent child abuse;**

None were identified. (See strengths above regarding collaboration)

Department Review of County Internal Report:

The Department has received the County's report dated 09/16/2015 and is in agreement with their findings. A written response from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services was submitted on 10/28/2015.

Department of Human Services Findings:

The Department has reviewed case records from the Philadelphia DHS and is in agreement with the findings which determined the investigation to be [REDACTED]. A full autopsy report was obtained by the PA Department of Human Services which revealed the cause and manner of death to be "undetermined." A police investigation is continuing however it is presumed that based on the autopsy report that no charges will be filed.

- **County Strengths:**
The Philadelphia Department of Human Services conducted and completed an appropriate CPS investigation within 30 days fulfilling all regulatory requirements of the CPSL and Chapter 3490.
- **County Weaknesses:**
None were noted.
- **Statutory and Regulatory Areas of Non-Compliance by the County Agency:**
None were noted.

Department of Human Services Recommendations:

The Department recommends that the County develops community resources that reach out and engage women who are pregnant, to better provide pre-natal care. To be successful, this recommendation would also require more media attention community-wide to support this engagement, particularly for young, low-income women. This effort should also be expanded statewide by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and the Department of Health.