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REPORT ON THE NEAR FATALITY OF



**DOB: 03/26/11
Date of Near Fatality Incident: 05/04/11**

**FAMILY NOT KNOWN TO:
York County Office of Children, Youth, and Families**

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Reason for Review

Senate Bill No. 1147 now known as Act 33 was signed by Governor Rendell 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>
[REDACTED]	Victim Child	[REDACTED] 2011
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED] 1989
[REDACTED]	Father	[REDACTED] 1990
[REDACTED]	Grandmother	[REDACTED] 1971
[REDACTED]	PGM Paramour	[REDACTED] 1977
[REDACTED]	PUN	[REDACTED] 2000
[REDACTED]	PAU	[REDACTED] 1993

Notification of Fatality/Near Fatality.

On May 4, 2011 at 10:30a.m., the Agency received a referral alleging that 1 month old [REDACTED] was at York Hospital with a questionable [REDACTED]. Her mother brought her to York Hospital after noticing [REDACTED]. Upon initial evaluation, a [REDACTED] sustained a [REDACTED]. It was reported that [REDACTED] was in critical condition (but expected to live) and was being transferred to Hershey Medical Center [REDACTED].

The referral was handled as a [REDACTED] (Hershey Medical Center) certified the child in critical condition and abuse was suspected. The child's mother and father were reportedly the caretakers; however, they provided no explanation for the trauma.

Documentation Reviewed and Individuals Interviewed:

For this review Central Region interviewed:

- [REDACTED] CPS Supervisor at York County Children , Youth, and Families
- [REDACTED] CPS case worker at York County Children, Youth , and Families

Central Region reviewed:

- Child Death Data Tool
- Police Report
- Case file

Case Chronology:

Previous CY Involvement:

There was no previous involvement with the victim child or her family. The Agency first became involved on May 4, 2011 for the [REDACTED].

Circumstances of Child's Fatality or Near Fatality:

On May 3, 2011 the victim child was seen by [REDACTED] for vomiting, fussiness and abdominal pain. The primary care physician sent the child to the York Hospital for an [REDACTED], no evidence of blockage was found. On May 4, 2011, the victim child was brought to York Hospital emergency department by mother due to [REDACTED] episodes. Major concerns included [REDACTED]

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Current/Most Recent Status of Case:

The child was [REDACTED] from the hospital on May 13, 2011 and remains in the care of paternal grandmother and her paramour at [REDACTED]. The child is progressing [REDACTED] for her age. [REDACTED]. Safety plan: The parents have supervised visits with the child monitored by the grandmother. The grandparents are used as the safety plan and [REDACTED] monitors the plan.

The child received follow up appointments with Hershey Medical Center and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] assisted with medical care in the home and a referral for an [REDACTED] evaluation was made. The child has [REDACTED] several times a week in the Grandmother's home. She is about [REDACTED] and is no longer on [REDACTED]

The Agency [REDACTED] the parents as [REDACTED] on June 28, 2011. The child's injuries were due to confirmed child abuse and neglect. The child sustained [REDACTED] while in the care of her parents. The parents denied abusing their child.

The parents were accepted for [REDACTED] on June 28, 2011. They are receiving in-home services [REDACTED] to work towards reunification with their child. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The victim child is progressing [REDACTED]

Services to Children and Families:

The family is receiving in home services [REDACTED] team. The child is scheduled to receive follow up appointments with Hershey Medical Center and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] assisted with medical care in the home and a referral for an [REDACTED] evaluation was made.

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

The County held the Near Fatality Review meeting on this case on May 31, 2011. Due to the criminal status of the case, [REDACTED] directed that no interviews of the alleged perpetrators be conducted as part of the case review process.

The agency has been in contact with York Hospital Community Health Center regarding the injuries and lack of referral report following the child's visit to her [REDACTED] the day before the ER visit. York Hospital should have made a referral when the child presented at their hospital.

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

None

Central Region Findings:

- The nature of this incident [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Both parents [REDACTED] based on the marginal parental skills and knowledge and the vulnerability of the child on June 28, 2011.
- York Hospital should have made a referral when the child presented at their hospital.

Statutory and Regulatory Compliance Issues:

None