



REPORT ON THE FATALITY

Ryleigh Clegg-Hooper

Date of Birth: 09/08/2017

Date of Incident: 09/08/2017

Report to Child Line: 09/08/2017

CWIS Referral ID: [REDACTED]

FAMILY NOT KNOWN TO COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH AGENCY AT TIME OF INCIDENT OR WITHIN THE PRECEDING 16 MONTHS:

Perry County Children and Youth Services

REPORT FINALIZED ON:

02/20/2018

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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.

Perry County Children and Youth submitted an [REDACTED] report to child line on 09/28/2017. Perry County Children and Youth did not convene a review team in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law related to this report since the report was unfounded within 30 days.

Family Constellation:

<u>First and Last Name:</u>	<u>Relationship:</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Ryleigh Clegg-Hooper	Victim child	09/08/2017
[REDACTED]	Father	[REDACTED]/1980
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED]/1990
[REDACTED]	Sibling	[REDACTED]/2013
[REDACTED]	Paternal Grandmother	[REDACTED]/1964
[REDACTED]	PGM's paramour	[REDACTED]/1984

* Denotes an individual that is not a household member or did not live in the home at the time of the incident, but is relevant to the report

Summary of OCYF Child Fatality Review Activities:

The Central Region Office of Children, Youth and Families (CRO) obtained and reviewed the case records pertaining to the family, which included medical records, agency casework dictation and safety assessment worksheets that outlined contact with the family. A discussion occurred with the agency supervisor several times throughout this process.

Children and Youth Involvement prior to Incident:

There wasn't any children and youth involvement prior to the incident with either Dauphin County CYS or Perry County CYS.

Circumstances of Child Near Fatality and Related Case Activity:

Perry County Children and Youth Services (PCCYS) received a numbered [REDACTED] report from child line after a request from Dauphin County Children and Youth Services (DCCYS) for re-evaluation of a [REDACTED] to Perry County on 09/09/2017. The report stated that the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were camping at a campground in Duncannon, Pennsylvania. The [REDACTED] was putting the other children at the campground to bed around 8:30-9:00PM on 09/08/2017. The [REDACTED] was not feeling well and having [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] went into the camper and they felt something [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] was present at this time and advised the [REDACTED] to go to the hospital. The [REDACTED] got ready to go to the hospital and were driven by the [REDACTED], as the [REDACTED] couldn't drive because he was drinking. The [REDACTED] were getting into the truck when [REDACTED] spontaneously delivered an infant female. The [REDACTED] was heard by [REDACTED] and driver stating, "whatever it was just fell out of me." The [REDACTED] then looked into her pants and saw there was a baby. The [REDACTED] wrapped the baby in a towel and helped the [REDACTED] get into the truck and they went to the hospital. The [REDACTED] stated that the baby's head was "squishy and didn't look right." The father stated the child was not breathing and did not cry. The driver also stated that he did not hear the baby cry. It was reported that the [REDACTED] did not know that she was [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] had a [REDACTED] about 2 years ago.

DCCYS responded to the hospital and contacted the Pennsylvania State Police on the date of the incident of 09/08/2017. Dauphin County personnel learned that the family lived in Dauphin County but the birth of the child occurred at a campground in Perry County. Dauphin County agency personnel contacted PCCYS to inform them of the fatality and that it is going to be re-evaluated to their agency. DCCYS did provide PCCYS with their case notes and shared what they have done up until that time. DCCYS along with law enforcement interviewed both of the parents.

PCCYS responded immediately once learning of the fatality. PCCYS learned that there was a [REDACTED] who was staying with her paternal grandmother at the camp site and made arrangements to see the [REDACTED] and assure safety that same day. It was also learned that [REDACTED] were both interviewed by law enforcement and DCCYS and both [REDACTED] gave credible accounts of what happened that day. The [REDACTED] was interviewed first. The [REDACTED] reported that she was not feeling well at the camp site earlier in the day. The [REDACTED] reported that she was [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] checked her and said he felt something squishy. The [REDACTED] suggested that they go to the hospital and the [REDACTED] agreed to take them since the [REDACTED] had been drinking earlier that day. The [REDACTED] stated that calling 911 never crossed their minds. The [REDACTED] reported that the [REDACTED] helped her into the truck and that is when [REDACTED] delivered the baby. The [REDACTED] stated that her [REDACTED] said that he was sorry and she knew

something was wrong. She stated that the baby did not cry or take a breath. The [REDACTED] stated that they just wrapped the baby in a towel and came to the hospital. She stated that she was freaking out because she didn't even know that she was pregnant. The [REDACTED] stated that this was nothing like her first pregnancy. The [REDACTED] also reported that she stopped [REDACTED] when her [REDACTED] got a [REDACTED] in 2015. The [REDACTED] reported that her [REDACTED] never went back for the follow up visit after his procedure; they just assumed it was successful.

Law enforcement and agency personnel then interviewed the [REDACTED] and his story was consistent with what the [REDACTED] reported and what was reported earlier. Both [REDACTED] were found to have appropriate emotions and were found to be believable.

PCCYS agency personnel interviewed the [REDACTED] and her [REDACTED] individually and they both reported the same events as the parents.

The agency learned that an autopsy was scheduled for 09/12/2017. The preliminary autopsy results were a natural death, namely Inter Uterine Fetal Death. The coroner related that the child was stillborn and did not take a breath. The case was marked [REDACTED] on 09/28/2107 and no charges were filed against the parents.

County Strengths, Deficiencies and Recommendations for Change as Identified by the County's Child (Near) Fatality Report:

Perry County CYC did not convene a review team as the report was [REDACTED] before the 30th day. As such, a County Child Near-Fatality report was not completed.

Department Review of County Internal Report:

Perry County Children and Youth Child [REDACTED] both parents on 09/28/2017 which was before the 30th day as such an Act 33 meeting was not held.

Department of Human Services Findings:

- County Strengths:
 - The agency responded and communicated well with Dauphin County Children and Youth who was first assigned the CPS. There was good collaboration between the two children and youth agencies.
 - The agency responded to the referral by seeing the victim child's sibling and assuring safety.
 - Agency personnel communicated well with law enforcement.
 - The agency conducted a timely investigation.
- County Weaknesses: and
 - None noted
- Statutory and Regulatory Areas of Non-Compliance by the County Agency.
 - During the review of the file, the agency was found to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

Department of Human Services Recommendations:

The department does not have any recommendations at this time.