

REPORT ON THE FATALITY OF:

Baby Boy Hein

BORN: 08/18/2013

DATE OF Death: 08/18/2013

DATE OF ORAL REPORT: 08/28/2013

FAMILY NOT KNOWN TO:

Northampton County Children and Youth or Lehigh County Children and Youth

REPORT FINALIZED ON: 2/14/14

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Reason for Review:

Senate Bill 1147, Printer's Number 2159 was signed into law on July 3, 2008. The bill became effective on December 30, 2008 and is known as Act 33 of 2008. As part of Act 33 of 2008, DPW must conduct a review and provide a written report of all cases of suspected child abuse that result in a child 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.

Act 33 of 2008 also requires that county children and youth agencies convene a review when a report of child abuse involving a child fatality or near fatality is indicated or when a status determination has not been made regarding the report within 30 days of the oral report to ChildLine. Northampton County has convened a review team in accordance with Act 33 of 2008 related to this report.

Family Constellation:

Name: Baby Boy Hein Relationship:
Victim Child
Mother
Father

Date of Birth: 08/18/2013 /1986

Notification of Child Near Fatality:

On August 28, 2013, Northampton County Children and Youth Services was notified of the death of Baby Boy Hein. The baby's body was discovered in a women's bathroom in Northampton County, after the mother had given birth in a bathroom stall.

Summary of DPW Child Near Fatality Review Activities:

The Northeast Regional Office (NERO) Human Service Program Representative (HSPR) met with Northampton County Children and Youth (NCCYS)

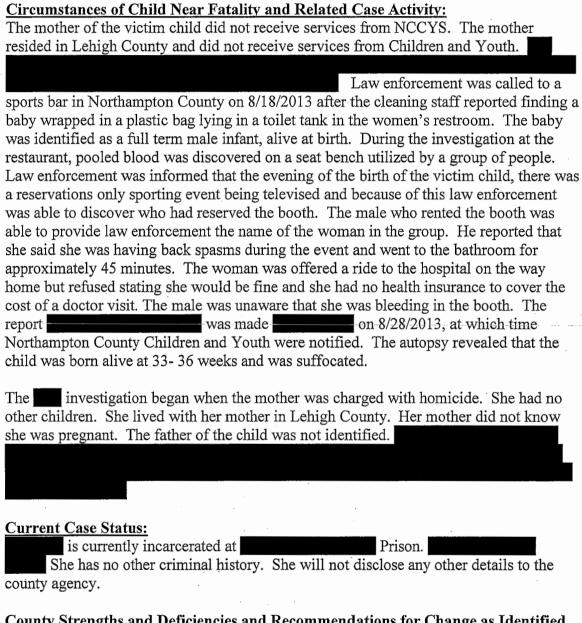
Supervisor, Caseworker, Manager, and Director to discuss this case. The HSPR had obtained and reviewed the entire file regarding this family. The NERO HSPR also participated in the County Internal Fatality Act 33 Review Team meeting on September19, 2013. At the time of the ACT 33 meeting, NERO recommended that the community review its use of Safe Haven.

Summary of Services to the Family:

At the time of the victim child's fatality, the family was not known to either Northampton County Children and Youth, or Lehigh County Children and Youth.

Children and Youth Involvement Prior to Incident:

This family was not known to NCCYS prior to this incident.



<u>County Strengths and Deficiencies and Recommendations for Change as Identified</u> by the County's Child Fatality Report:

<u>Strenghts:</u> The agency responded to the investigation in an appropriate manner. There was cooperation between county agencies and law enforcement.

Deficiencies:

- Recommendations for Change at the Local Level: It was determined that there is a need to distribute Safe Haven information to the community at appropriate child/parent locations. This recommendation came from the Act 33 meeting held as per regulation.
- Recommendations for Change at the State Level: None.

Department Review of County Internal Report:

The department did a review of records, held interviews with appropriate staff and attended the Act 33 meeting. The agency acted in compliance with all regulations pertaining to a investigation.

Department of Public Welfare Findings:

County Strengths: The agency conducted a thorough investigation.

County Weaknesses: None

Department of Public Welfare Recommendations:

None.