



pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

REPORT ON THE NEAR FATALITY OF:

[REDACTED]

Date of Birth: 01/16/2016
Date of Incident: 01/18/16
Date of Report to Child Line: 01/19/2016
CWIS Referral ID: [REDACTED]

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

Cumberland County Children & Youth Services

REPORT FINALIZED ON:
08/10/2016

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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.

Cumberland County did not convene a review team in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law related to this report. An unfounded status determination for the case was made on 01/22/2016 [REDACTED]

Family Constellation:

<u>First and Last Name:</u>	<u>Relationship:</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
[REDACTED]	Victim Child	01/16/2016
[REDACTED]	Mother	[REDACTED] 1988
[REDACTED]	Mother's paramour	[REDACTED] 1981
[REDACTED]	MGF	Unknown

Summary of OCYF Child Near Fatality Review Activities:

The Central Region Office of Children, Youth and Families obtained and reviewed all current case records pertaining to the family. Follow up interviews were conducted with the Caseworker, and the Supervisor on 01/22/2016 and 02/22/2016. No County Internal Fatality Review Team meeting was needed for this case [REDACTED]

Children and Youth Involvement prior to Incident:

The family was not known to Cumberland County Children & Youth Services prior to the incident on 01/18/2016.

Circumstances of Child Near Fatality and Related Case Activity:

The parents reside in Texas and are over the road truck drivers passing through the area when the mother presented to the hospital on 01/16/2016 with what she thought was constipation. At the hospital the mother was informed that she was in labor. Parents were not aware of the pregnancy therefore [REDACTED] was not receiving prenatal care. The mother [REDACTED] on 01/16/2016 and was [REDACTED] on 01/18/2016.

The parents stayed in a hotel [REDACTED] The parents were given instructions to feed the child every couple of hours. The mother breastfed the child once [REDACTED] but when she attempted to feed her again the child would not eat. In the middle of the night of 01/19/2016, the child was found unresponsive and cold. The parents rushed the child to the Carlisle Regional Medical Center at which time a report was filed concerning the child's critical/serious medical condition and suspicion related to the cause of her condition.

The child was then transported to the Hershey Medical Center [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The child was then flown to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on 01/20/2016 where she was stabilized and her medical condition was confirmed. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Signs and symptoms [REDACTED] typically appear during infancy or early childhood and can include vomiting, lack of energy (lethargy), and low blood sugar (hypoglycemia). No child abuse was suspected at Hershey Medical Center or Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. There is no police involvement in this case.

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

Strengths in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families:

- No County Internal Fatality Review Team meeting was needed for this case due to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the report being Unfounded within 30 days.

Deficiencies in compliance with statutes, regulations and services to children and families:

- None

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

- None

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

- None

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

- None

Department Review of County Internal Report:

- N/A

Department of Human Services Findings:

County Strengths:

- Cumberland County Children, Youth and Family Services conducted a timely investigation.

County Weaknesses:

- None Noted

Statutory and Regulatory Areas of Non-Compliance by the County Agency:

- None Noted

Department of Human Services Recommendations:

- None at this time.