



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Anne Marie Ambrose
Human Services Commissioner

May 12, 2014

The Honorable Darrell Clarke
City Council President
City Hall, Room 490
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Council President Clarke:

This letter is in response to questions raised at the May 6th, 2014 callback hearing before the Committee of the Whole on the Fiscal Year 2015 budget for the Department of Human Services. The questions were recorded as follows:

From Councilman Jones:

- 1. Can you provide to the Chair the outcomes of the 14 fatal cases?**

Per your request, please see attachment #1 for the criminal disposition of the 14 cases (both fatality and near fatality) that we referenced in our letter to Council President Clarke dated May 5, 2014.

In compiling the information for the criminal dispositions, we discovered a small error in the chart that we provided on May 5, 2014. The corrected chart is below. Please accept my apology for this error.

Active Cases, Last 3 Years

	Fatalities (8)	Intake	In-Home	Foster/Kinship	Total
Indicated	6	4	2	0	6
Unfounded	2	1	0	1	2
	Near Fatalities (6)				
Indicated	3	1	2	0	3
Unfounded	3	2	0	1	3
TOTAL REPORTS	14	8	4	2	14

* Active case is considered to be any family involved in an existing investigation or receiving

services from DHS (in home or placement).

*Unfounded: evidence did not meet the standards for abuse/neglect as defined by the State

2. How many agencies have been removed from the provider list?

Since 2008, approximately, 46 agencies were removed from the DHS service continuum either for poor performance, system shrinkage or change in service offering.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about the information provided in this response.

Sincerely,



Anne Marie Ambrose
Commissioner

cc: Everett Gillison, Chief of Staff
Donald Schwarz, M.D., Deputy Mayor
Rob Dubow, Director of Finance
Rebecca Rhyhart, Budget Director
Fiona Greig, Deputy Budget Director

Attachment #1

TYPE	Report Type	Determ	Identified Perpetrator - Relationship to child	Arrest/ Charge Date	Criminal Charges	Criminal Disposition
Near-Fatality	CPS	Indicated - Medical Evidence	mother	No arrest record for this incident		
Fatality	CPS	Indicated - Perpetrator Admission	babysitter	5/15/2011	Murder Of The Third Degree, Endangering Welfare of Children - Parent/Guardian/Other Commits Offense, Involuntary Manslaughter	05/24/13-Guilty of EWOC 1 to 2 years max. 05/24/13-Guilty Involuntary Manslaughter 4 to 8 yrs max
Near Fatality	CPS	Unfounded	mother	No arrest record for this incident		
Near-Fatality	CPS	Indicated - Medical Evidence	babysitter	No arrest record for this incident		
Fatality	CPS	Indicated - Medical Evidence	godmother/caretaker; godmother's paramour/caretaker	07/11/11 for both Perpetrator #1 & Perpetrator #2	Perpetrator #1: Murder Of The Third Degree, Endangering Welfare of Children - Parent/Guardian/Other Commits Offense, Involuntary Manslaughter, Conspiracy - Murder, Endangering Welfare of Children, Poss Instrument Of Crime W/Int. Perpetrator #2: Murder Of The Third Degree, Conspiracy - Murder, Endangering Welfare of Children, Poss Instrument Of Crime W/Int, Recklessly Endangering Another Person.	Perpetrator #1: 08/02/13-Guilty-Murder Of The Third Degree 20 to 40 years. Guilty-Conspiracy - Murder 7 1/2 to 15 years. Guilty-EWOC 1 to 2 years. Guilty-Poss Instrument Of Crime W/Int 1 to 2 years. Perpetrator #2: 08/02/13-Guilty-Murder Of The Third Degree 10 to 20 years; Conspiracy - Murder 10 to 20 years; Endangering Welfare of Children 1 year - 2 years
Fatality	DHS GEN; DPW CPS	Unfounded	foster mother	No arrest record for this incident		
Fatality	CPS	Unfounded	father	No arrest record for this incident		
Near Fatality	CPS	Unfounded	mother; father; babysitter; babysitter	No arrest record for this incident		
Fatality	CPS	Indicated - Perpetrator Admission	father	4/9/2013	Murder, Involuntary Manslaughter, Endangering Welfare of Children	Waiver trial date 11/12/14
Near Fatality	DHS GEN; DPW CPS	Unfounded	foster mother	No arrest record for this incident		

TYPE	Report Type	Determ	Identified Perpetrator - Relationship to child	Arrest/ Charge Date	Criminal Charges	Criminal Disposition
Fatality	CPS	Indicated - Medical Evidence	mother; mother's paramour	Perpetrator #1: 07/18/13. Perpetrator #2: 09/23/13	Perpetrator #1: Murder, Endangering Welfare of Children, Conspiracy - Aggravated Assault, Involuntary Manslaughter. Perpetrator #2: Murder, Conspiracy, Aggravated Assault, Involuntary Manslaughter, Endangering Welfare of Children	Perpetrator #1: 09/20/13-Guilty Plea- Endangering Welfare of Children, Conspiracy - Aggravated Assault, and Involuntary Manslaughter. Sentencing trial date: 07/11/14. Perpetrator #2: Formal arraignment scheduled for 05/27/14.
Fatality	CPS	Indicated - Investigation	mother's paramour	10/8/2013	Murder, Arson-Danger Of Death Or Bodily Inj, Causing Catastrophe, Theft By Unlaw Taking-Movable Prop, Receiving Stolen Property, Poss Instrument Of Crime W/Int, Abuse Of Corpse, Recklessly Endangering Another Person	Pre- Trial conference scheduled for 05/29/14
Fatality	CPS	Indicated - Investigation	father	No arrest record for this incident		
Near Fatality	CPS	Indicated - Investigation	mother; mother's paramour	Perpetrator #1: 11/29/13. Perpetrator #2: 11/27/13	Perpetrator #1 & Perpetrator #2: Aggravated Assault, Conspiracy, Endangering Welfare of Children, Simple Assault - Grading - Victim Under 12 Defendant 21 Or Older, Recklessly Endangering Another Person.	Perpetrator #1 & Perpetrator #2: Scheduling conference 05/14/14.