

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

**DATE:** July 11, 2017

**TO:** Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jeanne Dorff, Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
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**SUBJECT:** **An informational report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing an update on the Request for Proposals for the Type II Residential Treatment Center and an update on the Department of Corrections-Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) commitments**

**Background**

Since December 2015, key partners, including the County Executive, County Board of Supervisors, Chief Judge, District Attorney, Public Defender, DHHS Director, Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD) Administrator, Wraparound Milwaukee Director and other involved parties have been meeting to formulate a plan to address the crisis at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake and ensure the safety of youth. As part of this process, the development of a Residential Treatment Center (RTC) for youth has been discussed and planning is being implemented.

Also, DHHS has been providing regular updates on the status of the State-operated Lincoln Hills School for Boys and Copper Lake School for Girls. This report provides a follow up on the number of youth committed to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC)-Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) and the type of placement for the youth.

**Discussion**

***Development of a Type II Residential Treatment Facility***

After exploration of county owned facilities at the CATC and the House of Corrections (see informational reports dated April 29, 2016 and September 12, 2016), a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on January 23, 2017 to identify a facility for the RTC. In response to the RFP, the department has begun to discuss the leasing of a 24-bed, five-story facility owned by Bishop's Creek Community Development Corporation and located at 4769 N. 32nd Street, Milwaukee. The DCSD Administrator is working with the City of Milwaukee Alderperson and County Board Supervisor representing this area to arrange for a community meeting with neighborhood residents to inform them about the program, answer any questions and gauge community interest or opposition. If the results of these discussions are indicative of general support from the neighborhood residents and elected officials in the district, the department will pursue leasing the facility.

An RFP for the treatment and programming components of the RTC was released June 19. Two informational sessions for potential respondents will occur on July 17 and 18. The program RFP will close July 30 and the proposal review process is expected to occur through August 11, 2017. The Division Administrator anticipates that the department will submit a contract recommendation to the County Board for the September cycle. This contract will be contingent upon the provider agency's assessed ability to implement the program with fidelity to the model that will be developed with Behavioral Affiliates.

Upon board approval for the contract, the licensing process will begin and the expectation is that the hiring and training of the program staff will occur from the end of September through November. The provider will occupy the building by November with preliminary training to occur with Dr. Henry Schmidt of Behavioral Affiliates during mid-October. The licensing is expected to be completed by the end of November and the targeted date of operation is January 1, 2018. Please see the tentative timetable below for further details on the progress of the RTC.

**Tentative Timetable**

<b>Residential Treatment Center</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
<b>Facility Selection Component</b>	
RFP Released	January 23
Selection Process	Currently Underway
Community Outreach	July
Building Inspection	July
Lease Finalization	October 1
Building Improvements	October through December
<b>Treatment/Programming Selection Component</b>	
RFP Released	June 19
Info Session w/ Dr. Schmidt	July 17 & July 18
RFP to Close	July 30
Review of Responses	Completed by Aug. 11
Final Vendor Selection	Mid-August to early September
County Board Approval	September Board Cycle
Licensing Process Starts	September through December
Staff Training	End of September through November
Provider Occupancy	November
Licensing Complete	End of November
Facility Opens	January, 2018

***New commitments to Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake***

The chart below shows the number of youth that have been committed to the Division of Juvenile Corrections per month.

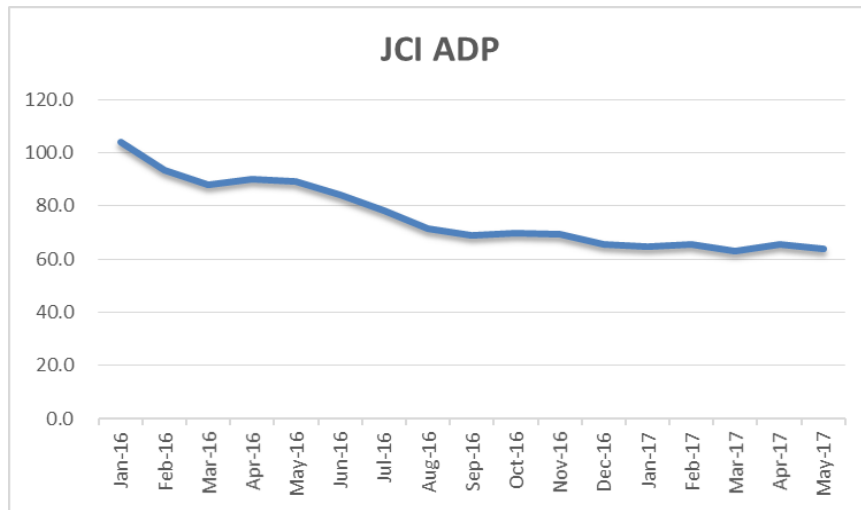
<b>2016</b>	<b>Number of New Commitments</b>
January	3
February	8
March	6
April	4
May	7
June	4
July	8
August	4
September	9
October	12
November	5
December	3

<b>2017</b>	<b>Number of New Commitments</b>
January	6
February	5
March	3
April	9
May	4
June (as of 6/8)	1

***Type of placement with the Division of Juvenile Corrections***

As of June 8, there were a total of 77 boys at Lincoln Hills (31 on Serious Juvenile Offender Orders and 46 on regular DOC commitments). There were eight girls at Copper Lake (one on Serious Juvenile Offender Order and seven on regular DOC commitments). There were 14 youth at Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (five on Serious Juvenile Offender Orders and nine on regular DOC commitments).

The ADP for youth held at the State institutes is averaging about 65 for 2017. This reflects a significant decline over 2016 as shown in the chart below:



**Recommendation**

This report is informational and no action is required.

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