

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

**DATE:** December 29, 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 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. 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**

***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.

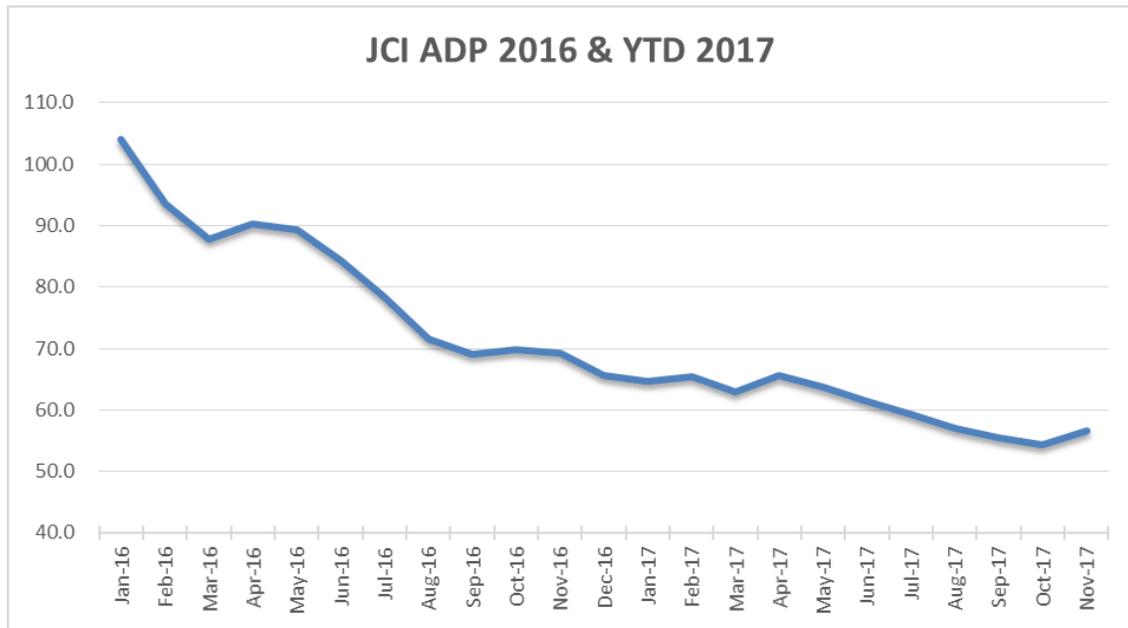
	<b>2016 New Commitments</b>	<b>2017 New Commitments</b>
January	3	6
February	8	5
March	6	3
April	4	9
May	7	4
June	4	5
July	8	4
August	4	6
September	9	5
October	12	4
November	5	7
December	3	0

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

As of December 7, 2017, there were a total of 74 boys at Lincoln Hills (33 on Serious Juvenile Offender Orders and 41 on regular DOC commitments). There were 10 girls at Copper Lake (three on Serious Juvenile Offender Order and seven on regular DOC commitments). There were 13 youth at Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (five on Serious Juvenile Offender Orders and eight on regular DOC commitments).

Milwaukee County took over the aftercare supervision from the State of Wisconsin effective July 1, 2017 for all non-Serious Juvenile Offender (SJO) youth. All Department of Corrections-Division of Juvenile Corrections youth that were in the community were assigned to a DCSD Human Service Worker who is providing supervision and case management for the kids and their families. The youth are all receiving appropriate services in the community including, but not limited to, GPS monitoring for the initial 30 days or more in the community, intensive monitoring, clinical services, etc. As of December 7, 2017, there were 16 youth who were on aftercare in the community.

The current average daily population (ADP) of Milwaukee County youth in Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools (excluding youth in the SJO Program under a state commitment) has fallen from 104 to 56 from January 2016 to November 2017. Please see the chart below:



**Recommendation**

This report is informational and no action is required.

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