

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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

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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, Chief Judge, District Attorney, Public Defender, Department of Health and Human Services (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, for about a year, 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

Since the last board report dated February 24, 2017, there has not been any update to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the leasing of a Type II Residential Treatment Center. The RFP was issued on January 23, 2017 and responses are due on March 31, 2017. All written requests for clarity were due on February 3, 2017 and responses to those questions were published by DCSD on February 17, 2017. Once proposals are received, there will be a selection committee that screens the proposals and recommends the top proposals for final review. A notification of the final short list of proposers is expected to be sent out in April.

The targeted date of occupancy for a facility is December 1, 2017 with a target lease date of January 1, 2018. As part of the selection process for a facility, there will be community outreach facilitated by DCSD to inform the communities about the program, answer any questions and gauge community

interest and opposition. Once a vendor facility is selected and approved by the County Board, there will be an RFP for the treatment and programming components of the RTC. This contract is contingent upon the provider agency's assessed ability to implement the program with fidelity to the model that will be developed with Behavioral Affiliates.

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.

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

2017	Number of New Commitments
January	6
February	5
March (as of 3/9)	0

Type of placement with the Division of Juvenile Corrections

Effective March, DCSD will receive weekly data reports from the DJC in place of the monthly reports DCSD previously received. DCSD and DJC will work together to determine how to best gather and report out this data. The data historically received from the DOC is very dynamic and changes frequently, sometimes by the hour or day, and by the time the information is reported out, it is outdated. We are requesting a weekly report with the following information:

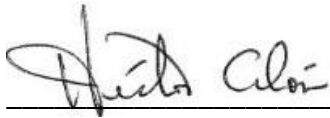
- Milwaukee County youth placed at Copper Lake, Lincoln Hills and Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center and effective dates of these placements

- Milwaukee County youth placed at the House of Correction, Milwaukee County Jail and with the Milwaukee County Juvenile Detention Center and effective dates of these placements

This information will provide DCSD with more up-to-date and relevant information about the youth in the DJC, movements between placements of the youth, and enable staff to identify trends within the DOC youth population.

Recommendation

This report is informational and no action is required.



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