

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 development of a Type II Residential Treatment Center and status on the Department of Corrections-Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) commitments**

Background

Per File No. 17-375 adopted by the Milwaukee County Board in May, DHHS is providing an informational report that describes the current status and future outlook for the development of a residential treatment center for DCSD youth.

Since December 2015, key partners, including the County Executive, County Board of Supervisors, 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

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on January 23, 2017 to identify a facility for the RTC. Responses were due on March 31, 2017, and a review and initial selection process is currently underway. 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. There were preliminary meetings with the potential building owner and DHHS staff throughout May and community outreach is planned to start in June 2017.

An RFP for the treatment and programming components of the RTC is expected to be released by June 19. The informational sessions for potential respondents will occur the second week of July. The program RFP is anticipated to close in late July and the proposal review process is expected to occur through August 11 with final vendor selection by early September. Both the recommendation for the lease and contracted program provider are anticipated to be submitted to the County Board for approval in the September cycle.

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 October. 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. 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

Residential Treatment Center	Timeframe
Facility Selection Component	
RFP Responses Due	March 31
Selection Process	Currently Underway
Community Outreach	Starting in June
Building Inspection	July
County Board Approval of Lease	September Board Cycle
Lease Finalization	October 1
Building Improvements	October through December
Treatment/Programming Selection Component	
RFP Released	By June 19
Info Session w/ Dr. Schmidt	July 17
RFP to Close	Late July
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 October
Provider Occupancy	November
Licensing Complete	End of November
Facility Opens	January 1, 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.

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

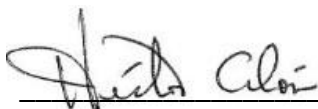
2017	Number of New Commitments
January	6
February	5
March	3
April	9
May (as of 5/18/17)	4

Type of placement with the Division of Juvenile Corrections

As of May 10, there were a total of 78 boys at Lincoln Hills (28 on Serious Juvenile Offender Orders and 50 on regular DOC commitments). There were eight girls at Copper Lake (1 on Serious Juvenile Offender Order and 7 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).

Recommendation

This report is informational and no action is required.



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