

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, 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, 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

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.

A community meeting with neighborhood residents to inform them about the program, answer any questions and gauge community interest or opposition will occur Thursday, August 24 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the facility. 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 occurred on July 17 and 18. The program RFP was originally scheduled to close in July, but was extended until August 18, 2017 in order to allow more sufficient time for potential responders to develop their proposals. The proposal review process is expected to occur through early September, 2017. The Division Administrator anticipates that the department will submit a contract recommendation to the County Board for the October 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 starting in November. The provider will occupy the building by December with preliminary training to occur with Dr. Henry Schmidt of Behavioral Affiliates starting in December. The licensing is expected to be completed by the end of February 2018 and the targeted date of operation is March 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 Released	January 23
Selection Process	Currently Underway
Community Outreach	August 24
Building Inspection	August
	(building lease approval not required per Wis. Stats. 59.17 (2)b(3))
Lease Finalization	November 1
Building Improvements	October through January
Treatment/Programming Selection Component	
RFP Released	June 19
Info Session w/ Dr. Schmidt	July 17 and July 18
RFP to Close	August 18
Review of Responses	Completed by early September
Final Vendor Selection	September 15
County Board Approval	October Board Cycle
Licensing Process Starts	November through December
Staff Training	Starts in December
Provider Occupancy	December
Licensing Complete	End of February 2018
Facility Opens	March 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.

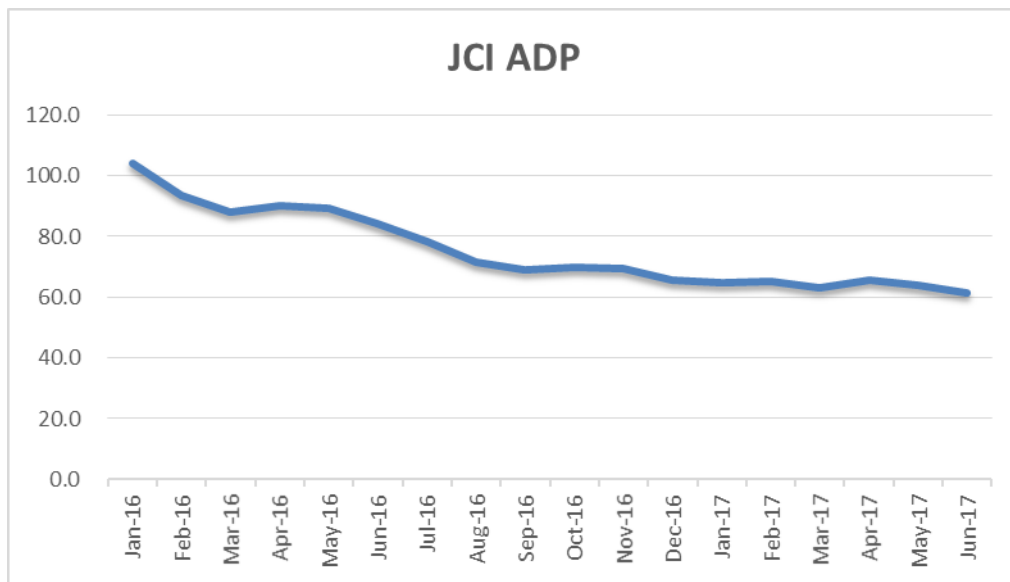
2016	Number of New Commitments
January	3
February	8
March	6
April	4
May	7
June	4
July	8
August	4
September	9
October	12
November	5
December	3

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

Type of placement with the Division of Juvenile Corrections

As of August 8, there were a total of 77 boys at Lincoln Hills (34 on Serious Juvenile Offender Orders and 43 on regular DOC commitments). There were 8 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 (5 on Serious Juvenile Offender Orders and 8 on regular DOC commitments).

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 61 from January 2016 to June 2017. Please see the chart below:



Recommendation

This report is informational and no action is required.

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- Hon. Maxine A. White, Chief Judge
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