

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, 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 to identify a facility for the RTC. Responses were due on March 31, 2017. 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.

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. The targeted date of operation is 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 (04/02/17) | 1 |

Type of placement with the Division of Juvenile Corrections

Effective March, DCSD has requested 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:

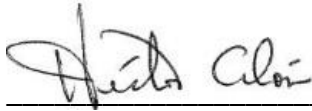
- Milwaukee County youth placed at Copper Lake, Lincoln Hills and Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center and effective dates of these placements
- Milwaukee County youth placed at the House of Correction, Milwaukee County Jail and with the Milwaukee County Juvenile Detention Center and effective dates of these placements. Currently, DCSD doesn't receive regular reports from HOC and the County Jail for State 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.

As of March 30, there were a total of 84 boys at Lincoln Hills (31 on Serious Juvenile Offender Orders and 53 on regular DOC commitments). There were seven girls at Copper Lake (one on Serious Juvenile Offender Order and six on regular DOC commitments). There were 12 youth at Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (four 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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