

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

**DATE:** May 22, 2017

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

**FROM:** Héctor Colón, 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 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, 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.

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.

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

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

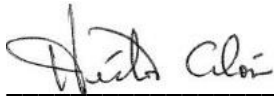
***Type of placement with the Division of Juvenile Corrections***

*Effective March, DCSD has requested weekly data reports and that request was not granted. They continue to send us an Active Clients List of youth twice monthly.*

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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