

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

**DATE:** February 24, 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, 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***

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the leasing of a Type II Residential Treatment Facility 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 will be 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 will be sent out to the proposers in approximately April 2017.

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.

<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 (as of 2/7)	2

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

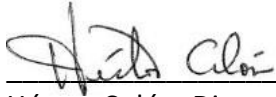
DCSD receives an active client list from DOC identifying placements for youth on DOC orders twice a month on varying dates. This reflects youth under a Serious Juvenile Offender (SJO) order or a regular DOC order. A SJO order has the youth placed at the facility for three years with two years of aftercare for a total of a five-year sentence. A regular DOC order places the youth at the facility for up to two years. These youth may be released before that time by the Office of Juvenile Offender Review (OJOR) to provide for aftercare in the community.

Please see the chart on the following page:

Location	Lincoln Hills (boys)	Copper Lake (girls)	Mendota (boys)	Total
April 19 Regular DOC Order	87	10	3	100
April 19 SJO	33	1	1	35
<b>Total April 19</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>135</b>
May 31 Regular DOC Order	74	6	5	85
May 31 SJO	32	1	1	34
<b>Total May 31</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>119</b>
Change April 19 to May 31	-14	-4	2	-16
June 29 Regular DOC Order	80	9	5	94
June 29 SJO	30	1	0	31
<b>Total June 29</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>125</b>
Change May 31 to June 29	4	3	-1	6
July 19 Regular DOC Order	73	9	5	87
July 19 SJO	33	1	0	34
<b>Total July 29</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>121</b>
Change June 29 to July 19	-4	0	0	-4
Sept 16 Regular DOC Order	61	10	7	78
Sept 16 SJO	27	1	2	30
<b>Total Sept 16</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>108</b>
Change July 29 to Sept 16	-18	+1	+4	-13
Nov 2 Regular DOC Order	63	8	9	80
Nov 2 SJO	36	1	2	39
<b>Total Nov 2</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>119</b>
Change Sept 16 to Nov 2	+11	-2	+2	+11
01/03/17 Regular DOC order	57	7	10	74
01/03/17 SJO	27	1	2	30
<b>Total 01/03/17</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>104</b>
Change Nov 2 to 01/03/17	-15	-1	+1	-15
02/01/17 Regular DOC order	55	7	10	72
02/01/17 SJO	30	1	3	34
<b>Total 02/01/17</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>106</b>
Change 01/03/17 to 02/01/17	+1	0	+1	+2

**Recommendation**

This report is informational and no action is required.



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Héctor Colón, Director

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