

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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TO: Sup. 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 Milwaukee County youth being held at the State Department of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) facility of Lincoln Hills School for Boys**

Issue

Since earlier this year, the Department of Health and Human Services (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 developments that have occurred since the last committee cycle.

Investigation of Self-Harm Reports at State Juvenile Centers

Since 9/21/16, there has been one report of a youth making threats of self-harm, and that youth was placed on Clinical Observation and no injuries were reported. As we receive these reports, the Human Services Worker in the Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD) follows up with the social worker from the State Department of Corrections (DOC) for more information, meets with the youth, and follows up with the family.

New commitments to Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake

Month	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 as of 11/8	3

Assessment and Placement Options of Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake/Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center

Since January, a total of 150 youth have been screened by Wraparound Milwaukee staff. DCSD will continue to work with Wraparound to have youth assessed as needed.

Children's Court has granted ten revisions that were filed seeking removal of the DOC order and allowing placement of youth with DCSD. A total of 51 revisions seeking removal of the DOC order and extensions of existing DOC orders were either denied, dismissed or withdrawn. This will be an ongoing process as new petitions for revision and extension of DOC orders are received.

All youth committed to DOC since November 2015 have been assigned to a Milwaukee County reentry program. Return to Success or Wraparound Re-Entry are providing services to these youth in accordance to case plans developed by DOC and include transition planning with an emphasis on family involvement.

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 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.

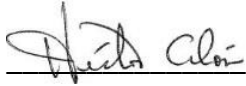
Location	Lincoln Hills (boys)	Copper Lake (girls)	Mendota (boys)	Total
April 19 Regular DOC Order	87	10	3	100
April 19 SJO	33	1	1	35
Total April 19	120	11	4	135
May 31 Regular DOC Order	74	6	5	85
May 31 SJO	32	1	1	34
Total May 31	106	7	6	119
Change April 19 to May 31	-14	-4	2	-16
June 29 Regular DOC Order	80	9	5	94
June 29 SJO	30	1	0	31
Total June 29	110	10	5	125
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
Total July 29	106	10	5	121
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
Total Sept 16	88	11	9	108
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
Total Nov 2	99	9	11	119
Change Sept 16 to Nov 2	+11	-2	+2	+11

Shelter Programming Update

Under a short-term contract for shelter care, St. Charles will provide shelter care programming for up to 12 boys during the early part of 2017 pending the selection of a new provider. On November 11, 2016, DCSD issued a new Request for Proposals (RFP) after it received no response to the first RFP that was issued in September 2016. It is anticipated that at least two potential providers will submit applications under this latest RFP. DCSD is also working with Children's Court stakeholders to develop contingency plans and temporary alternatives for youth in need of non-secure placements.

Recommendation

This report is informational and no action is required.



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