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SUBJECT: **Commitment Extension Analysis**

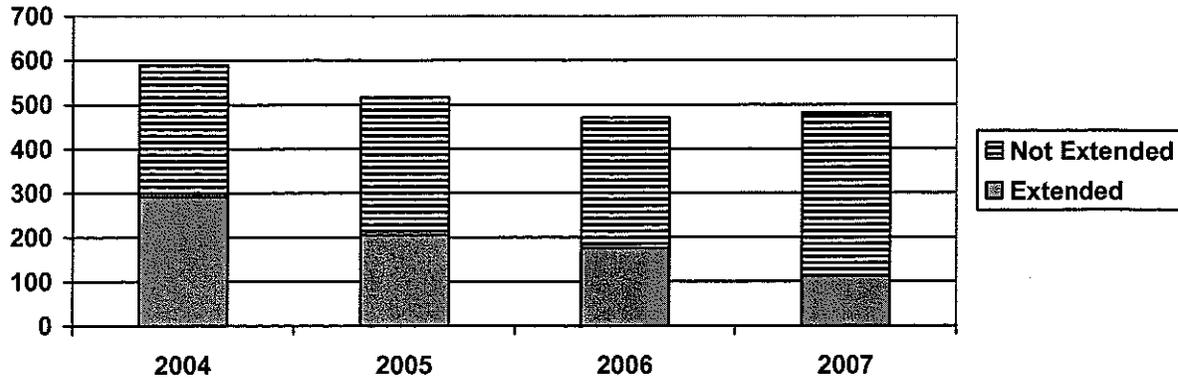
Through the course of our business and interactions with county department leadership, the Division (DJC) became aware of some concern about the number of youth who, during their placement with or supervision by DJC, had their commitments extended by the courts upon DJC's request. Division management took these concerns seriously and initiated an analysis of DJC commitment extension data to measure the degree to which youth in our care have their commitments extended.

I am pleased to share a summary of the results of this analysis in this memo. You will see that, as DJC's population has decreased, so too has the percentage of that population with extended commitments. While many factors have contributed to this result, we believe the December 2005 implementation of the transition phase in our case management system and the work of the Division and counties to promote community reintegration have been vital parts of the equation.

Analysis Summary

The Division analyzed data related to youth committed to DJC with a standard juvenile commitment that expired in calendar years (CY) 2004, 2005, 2006, and in the first nine months of 2007. Youth with Serious Juvenile Offender (SJO) Program, Extended Jurisdiction, or federal commitments were not included because those commitments can not be extended. Figure 1 depicts the number of youth analyzed and how many of them had a commitment extended.

Figure 1 Count of Youth with Expiring Commitments per Year



As you can see in Figure 1, the number of youth being extended decreased as did the number of youth whose commitment expired in a given calendar year. A point worth noting is that, despite the increase in the number of youth whose commitment expired in 2007, the number of youth extended continued to decline.

While Figure 1 provides a reference to the number of youth with expiring commitments and shows the number of those youth who were extended during their commitment to DJC, it is helpful to review the percentages of youth extended to better understand the trend over the course of time.

Figure 2 Percent of Youth with Expiring Commitments Extended

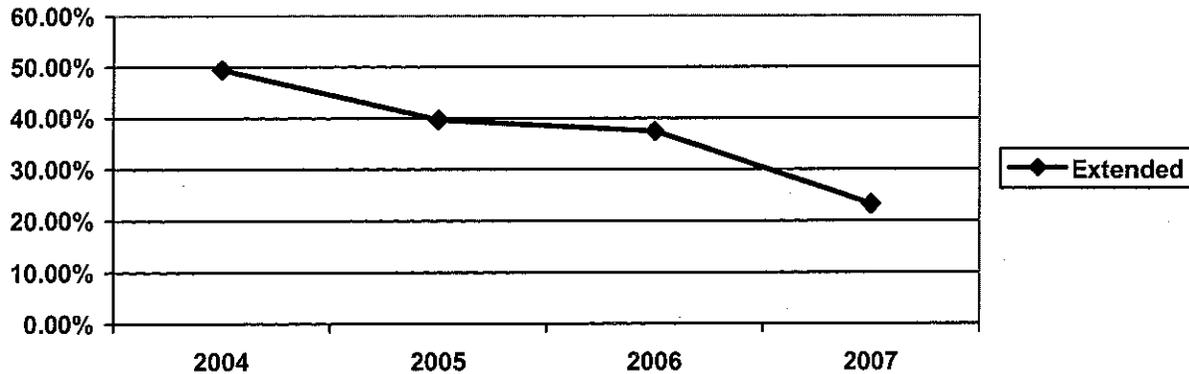


Figure 2 further develops the understanding that over the course of the last four calendar years, the percentage of youth being extended has shown a continual decrease from 49.49% in 2004, 39.65% in 2005, 37.45% in 2006, and 23.24% in the first nine months of 2007. Figures 1 and 2 confirm the number of youth whose DJC commitments are extended has decreased in concert with the Division's institution populations.

While the state-wide trend has been established, DJC understands the results can vary for each county. Figures 6 and 7 provide detailed information for each of Wisconsin's counties.

The Division analyzed the extension of youth by gender (Figure 3), race (Figure 4), and Most Serious Wisconsin offense (Figure 5). The Most Serious Wisconsin Offense for each youth in this analysis was placed into one of the following categories: Assaultive, Illicit Drugs/AODA, Other, Property, Sexual, and Weapons.

Figure 3 Youth with Expiring Commitment per Year by Gender

	2004		2005		2006		2007	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Non-Extended	263	35	280	32	254	40	319	51
Extended	247	45	179	26	158	18	94	18
Percent Extended	48.43%	56.25%	39.00%	44.83%	38.35%	31.03%	22.76%	26.09%
Annual Rate	49.49%		39.65%		37.45%		23.24%	

Figure 4 Percent of Youth Extended Per Year by Most Serious Wisconsin Offense

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Offense Category	Percent Extended	Percent Extended	Percent Extended	Percent Extended
Assaultive	50%	41%	44%	27%
Illicit Drugs/AODA	20%	23%	14%	36%
Other	59%	49%	27%	23%
Property	50%	40%	35%	24%
Sexual	67%	60%	49%	29%
Weapons	46%	27%	43%	0%
Annual Rate	49.49%	39.65%	37.45%	23.24%

Figure 5 Youth with Expiring Commitment per Year by Race

	2004			2005			2006			2007		
	No Ext	Ext	% Ext									
Asian/Pacific Islander	7	4	36%	6	3	33%	9	7	44%	7	2	22%
Black	150	160	52%	143	109	43%	121	94	44%	200	66	25%
North Am. Indian	8	13	62%	11	6	35%	18	3	14%	11	8	42%
Unknown	3	2	40%	0	4	100%	1	0	0%	0	1	100%
White	130	113	47%	152	83	35%	145	72	33%	151	36	19%
Annual Rate	49.49%			39.65%			37.45%			23.24%		

Figure 6 Extension Data for Six Counties with the Most Commitments Expiring in 2007

County	2004 Annual Rate 49.49%			2005 Annual Rate 39.65%			2006 Annual Rate 37.45%			2007 Annual Rate 23.24%		
	No Ext	Ext	% Ext									
DANE	14	27	65.85%	31	19	38.00%	33	21	38.89%	36	14	28.00%
KENOSHA	13	16	55.17%	30	8	21.05%	23	12	34.29%	21	5	19.23%
MILWAUKEE	124	136	52.31%	115	104	47.49%	90	76	45.78%	172	52	23.21%
RACINE	59	28	32.18%	27	15	35.71%	10	13	56.52%	12	3	20.00%
ROCK	8	9	52.94%	10	5	33.33%	11	7	38.89%	15	4	21.05%
WINNEBAGO	9	4	30.77%	12	6	33.33%	12	3	20.00%	14	4	22.22%

Figure 7 Extension Data for Each Wisconsin County

County	2004 Annual Rate 49.49%			2005 Annual Rate 39.65%			2006 Annual Rate 37.45%			2007 Annual Rate 23.24%		
	No Ext	Ext	% Ext									
ADAMS	0	1	100.00%	0	0		3	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
BARRON	0	2	100.00%	0	0		0	0		0	1	100.00%
BROWN	6	7	53.85%	6	5	45.45%	13	3	18.75%	11	1	8.33%
BURNETT	0	2	100.00%	1	0	0.00%	2	0	0.00%	0	0	
CALUMET	0	0		0	0		0	1	100.00%	2	0	0.00%
CHIPPEWA	1	3	75.00%	4	5	55.56%	4	2	33.33%	3	0	0.00%
CLARK	0	0		0	0		0	1	100.00%	0	0	
COLUMBIA	2	0	0.00%	0	2	100.00%	1	0	0.00%		1	100.00%
CRAWFORD	1	1	50.00%	1	0	0.00%	0	0		0	0	
DANE	14	27	65.85%	31	19	38.00%	33	21	38.89%	36	14	28.00%
DODGE	1	4	80.00%	0	2	100.00%	0	0		3	1	25.00%
DOOR	0	0		0	0		0	0		1	1	50.00%
DOUGLAS	0	0		0	0		1	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
DUNN	0	1	100.00%	0	0		0	1	100.00%	0	0	
EAU CLAIRE	3	2	40.00%	0	8	100.00%	0	3	100.00%	5	4	44.44%
FLORENCE	0	0		2	0	0.00%	0	0		0	0	
FOND DU LAC	0	3	100.00%	3	3	50.00%	5	3	37.50%	8	3	27.27%
FOREST	2	0	0.00%	0	0		1	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
GRANT	1	1	50.00%	1	1	50.00%	1	0	0.00%	0	0	
GREEN	0	2	100.00%	0	0		0	0		0	0	
GREEN LAKE	1	0	0.00%	0	0		0	0		1	0	0.00%
IOWA	0	0		1	1	50.00%	0	0		0	0	
IRON	0	0		1	0	0.00%	0	0		0	0	
JACKSON	1	0	0.00%	0	0		1		0.00%	0	0	
JEFFERSON	1	0	0.00%	3	1	25.00%	0	0		1	0	0.00%
JUNEAU	1	0	0.00%	3	0	0.00%	2	1	33.33%	0	0	
KENOSHA	13	16	55.17%	30	8	21.05%	23	12	34.29%	21	5	19.23%
KEWAUNEE	0	1	100.00%	0	0		1		0.00%	0	0	
LA CROSSE	2	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%	6	1	14.29%	3	0	0.00%
LAFAYETTE	0	0		0	0		1	0	0.00%	0	0	

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LANGLADE	1	1	50.00%	0	0		0	0		0	0	
LINCOLN	0	0		1	0	0.00%	0	1	100.00%	1	1	50.00%
MANITOWOC	0	8	100.00%	0	1	100.00%	0	0		1	1	50.00%
MARATHON	4	1	20.00%	8	0	0.00%	5	1	16.67%	6	0	0.00%
MARINETTE	4	0	0.00%	3	1	25.00%	5	1	16.67%	3	0	0.00%
MARQUETTE	0	1	100.00%	0	1	100.00%	1	0	0.00%	0	0	
MENOMINEE	2	0	0.00%	1	1	50.00%	2	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
MILWAUKEE	124	136	52.31%	115	104	47.49%	90	76	45.78%	172	52	23.21%
MONROE	3	1	25.00%	0	0		1	2	66.67%	1	1	50.00%
OCONTO	0	1	100.00%	3	0	0.00%	5	0	0.00%	3	0	0.00%
ONEIDA	1	2	66.67%	4	2	33.33%	3	1	25.00%	2	2	50.00%
OTHER	0	0		0	0		1	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
OUTAGAMIE	5	3	37.50%	7	4	36.36%	7	3	30.00%	8	0	0.00%
OZAUKEE	1	1	50.00%	0	0		1	0	0.00%	3	1	25.00%
POLK	1	0	0.00%	0	1	100.00%	2	0	0.00%	0	0	
PORTAGE	0	1	100.00%	3	0	0.00%	5	1	16.67%	1	0	0.00%
PRICE	1	0	0.00%	0	0		0	0		0	0	
RACINE	59	28	32.18%	27	15	35.71%	10	13	56.52%	12	3	20.00%
RICHLAND	0	1	100.00%	0	0		0	0		0	0	
ROCK	8	9	52.94%	10	5	33.33%	11	7	38.89%	15	4	21.05%
RUSK	1	1	50.00%	0	0		0	0		2	0	0.00%
SAUK	6	5	45.45%	4	0	0.00%	3	2	40.00%	4	2	33.33%
SAWYWER	0	0		1	0	0.00%	2	0	0.00%	0	0	
SHAWANO	4	1	20.00%	1	0	0.00%	1	1	50.00%	0	0	
SHEBOYGAN	5	5	50.00%	4	3	42.86%	7	9	56.25%	9	2	18.18%
ST CROIX	0	0		1	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%	0	0	
TAYLOR	0	1	100.00%	2	0	0.00%	0	0		0	0	
TREMPELEAU	0	0		0	0		2	0	0.00%	1	1	50.00%
VILAS	1	0	0.00%	5	0	0.00%	0	0		1	0	0.00%
WALWORTH	1	3	75.00%	3	3	50.00%	6	3	33.33%	4	2	33.33%
WASHBURN	1	1	50.00%	0	0		1	0	0.00%	0	0	
WASHINGTON	0	2	100.00%	0	2	100.00%	1	1	50.00%	0	2	100.00%
WAUKESHA	3	0	0.00%	8	1	11.11%	9	0	0.00%	5	1	16.67%
WAUPACA	1	1	50.00%	0	0		1	0	0.00%	0	1	100.00%
WAUSHARA	2	1	33.33%	1	0	0.00%	1	1	50.00%	2	0	0.00%
WINNEBAGO	9	4	30.77%	12	6	33.33%	12	3	20.00%	14	4	22.22%
WOOD	0	0		0	0		0	1	100.00%	0	1	100.00%

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