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March 29, 2019

WI Department of Corrections
Juvenile Corrections Grant Committee
3099 E. Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

Dear Committee Members:

The State of Wisconsin has determined a need for regional juvenile correctional facilities under WI Act 185 and has directed Counties to establish regional Secure Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCY). The purpose of this letter is to express the intent of Racine County to complete and submit a proposal for the design and construction of a type II SRCCCY facility once the RFP is released. We anticipate designing a 48-bed facility with an estimated cost of \$38M. Our intent is to co-locate our SRCCCY and Detention Center and to serve male and female youth from Racine and surrounding counties. Based upon prior experience, we estimate our population to be evenly split between Racine youth and those from other counties.

Racine County has the experience, knowledge and proven track record to develop a state-of-the-art facility with proper programming to achieve the best possible outcomes. We have successfully operated a 180/365 program for almost 20 years, providing services to juveniles from Racine, Kenosha, Waukesha, Manitowoc, Winnebago, and Washington counties. During that time, we have seen increased educational achievements, witnessed reduced recidivism rates, developed a trauma informed approach and implemented rehabilitation programs to include mental health services and substance abuse treatment programs. Additionally, given that 85% of Wisconsin's juvenile correctional placements originate from the Southeastern region of our state, Racine County is strategically placed to serve the needs of that community. Furthermore, Racine County has already taken preliminary steps to develop an architectural plan, identified potential sites and established a task force to fully vet the process and incorporate community collaboration.

We look forward to the opportunity to provide a rehabilitative approach to juvenile corrections making a greater impact on the lives and future of the youth in our region. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at 262-636-3273 or at jonathan.delagrave@racinecounty.com.

Sincerely,


Jonathan Delagrave
Racine County Executive

Cc: Greg Bucholtz, Jail Inspector
Enclosures: Four (4) Letters of Support

Paul Farrow
County Executive



Antwayne M. Robertson
Director
Laura L. Kleber
Deputy Director

Waukesha County
Department of Health and Human Services

March 29, 2019

WI Department of Corrections
Kevin A. Carr
DOC Secretary
3099 E. Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

Dear Secretary Carr:

It is with great pleasure that I write a letter in support for Racine County's plan to build a regional Secure Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY).

Waukesha County has a long-standing relationship and partnership with Racine on collaboration opportunities, such as foster care recruitment and retention, CPS afterhours models, and regional service and programming explorations. In addition, Racine County administers a comprehensive ACE program that is praised by neighboring counties, which is a preferred disposition for youth entering the correctional system because of the superior outcomes achieved. Furthermore, Racine County is an invaluable partner that administers best and evidence base practices throughout all program areas.

Waukesha County fully supports and intends to utilize the services of Racine's SRCCCY. We believe this grant will enable Racine County to expand educational, vocational and rehabilitation opportunities for our youth and anticipate even greater outcomes for the juveniles who will be served.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antwayne Robertson", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Antwayne Robertson, Director
Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services



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March 27, 2019

WI Department of Corrections
Kevin A. Carr
DOC Secretary
3099 E. Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

Dear Secretary Carr:

It is with great pleasure that I write a letter in support for Racine County's plan to build a regional Secure Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY).

Washington County has a long-standing relationship with Racine County and their existing Alternatives to Corrections Through Education (ACE) program. ACE is our preferred disposition for youth entering the correctional system because of the positive outcomes including, youth earning more school credits and the demonstrated lower recidivism rate than youth who have attended the State facility. In addition, Racine's proximity to our community enables a greater opportunity for families to remain involved in the youth's progress and prepare for their return home.

Washington County fully supports and intends to utilize the services of Racine's SRCCCY. We believe this grant will enable Racine County to expand educational, vocational and rehabilitation opportunities for our youth and anticipate even greater outcomes for the juveniles who will be served.

Sincerely,

Julie Driscoll, MSW
Director



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

LIZA DRAKE, Director

March 28, 2019

WI Department of Corrections
Kevin A. Carr
DOC Secretary
3099 E. Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53704

Dear Secretary Carr:

It is with great pleasure that I write a letter in support for Racine County's plan to build a regional Secure Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY).

Ozaukee County has a long-standing relationship with Racine's existing Alternatives to Corrections Through Education (ACE) program. ACE is our preferred disposition for youth entering the correctional system because of the superior outcomes our youth achieve. We have determined that they earn more school credits and demonstrate a lower recidivism rate than those who have gone through the State facility. Furthermore, Racine's proximity enables a greater opportunity for families to remain involved in the youth's progress and prepare for his/her return home.

Ozaukee County fully supports and intends to utilize the services of Racine's SRCCCY. We believe this grant will enable Racine County to expand educational, vocational and rehabilitation opportunities for our youth and anticipate even greater outcomes for the juveniles who will be served.

Sincerely,

Liza Drake
Director



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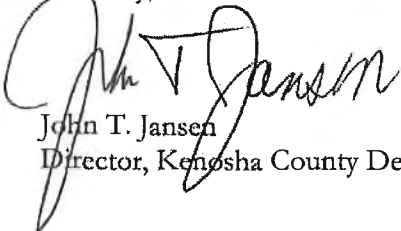
Dear Secretary Carr:

It is with great pleasure that I write a letter in support for Racine County's plan to build a regional Secure Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY).

Kenosha County has a long-standing relationship with Racine's existing Alternatives to Corrections through Education (ACE) program. ACE is our preferred disposition for youth entering the correctional system because of the superior outcomes our youth achieve. We have determined that they earn more school credits and demonstrate a lower recidivism rate than those who have gone through the State facility. Furthermore, Racine's proximity enables a greater opportunity for families to remain involved in the youth's progress and prepare for his/her return home.

Kenosha County fully supports and intends to utilize the services of Racine's SRCCCY. We believe this grant will enable Racine County to expand educational, vocational and rehabilitation opportunities for our youth and anticipate even greater outcomes for the juveniles who will be served.

Sincerely,



John T. Jansen
Director, Kenosha County Department of Human Services