

Summary of Juvenile Corrections Study Committee

Charge #1: “The juvenile corrections study committee shall research and develop recommendations for rules governing the services and programming provided to juveniles in secured residential care centers for children and youth. The committee shall submit to the department of corrections its findings and recommendations no later than September 1, 2018.” *2017 Act 185 Section 110(6)(c)1.*

- The committee reviewed research on best practices related to programs and services for juveniles in secure facilities.
- The committee brainstormed recommendations in four categories:
 - Education/Employment
 - Rehabilitative/Treatment Services
 - Developmental/Recreational Programming
 - Family and Community Engagement
- The committee voted to “proceed with collectively ranking and forward all items within the list to the department” then used a “dot voting” ranking process. (August 28 meeting minutes)
- Final recommendations document available at:
<https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/AboutDOC/StudyCommittee.aspx> (August 28 meeting)

Charge #2: “The juvenile corrections study committee shall study and develop recommendations for the location of Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities under section 301.16 (1w) (a) of the statutes based on space and security needs, cost, proximity to the populations of juveniles the facilities would serve, and best practices for holding juveniles in secure custody. In developing these recommendations, the committee shall conduct an inventory of existing state-owned facilities that have the capacity be used as Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities and shall favor the use of existing facilities. The committee shall submit to the department of corrections its recommendations for these facilities no later than November 1, 2018.” *2017 Act 185 Section 110(6)(c)2.*

- The Department of Administration provided information on potentially suitable state-owned properties and the Department of Corrections provided data on the juvenile correctional population, including their committing counties.

- The committee identified guiding values and principles and developed a list of criteria.
- The committee reviewed and discussed data related to each site relative to the identified criteria, then voted on whether sites should be considered or should not be recommended.
- The committee voted “to recommend to the Department of Corrections, recommendations to study possible type 1 facility including the following:
 - Balance of state sites to move forward: Hortonia (Outagamie County), Town of Winchester (Winnebago County), Northern Wisconsin Center (Chippewa County), Fox Valley Region, Grow Academy (Dane County).
 - Balance of state sites not to move forward: Tomah (Monroe County), Veterans Home at King (Waupaca County), La Crosse/Onalaska Metropolitan Statistical Area, Eau Claire Metropolitan Statistical Area, Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (Dane County), Wausau Metropolitan Statistical Area
 - Southeast sites to move forward: Mill Road in Milwaukee (prefer City of Milwaukee or Milwaukee County location), Wisconsin Center in Union Grove (second preference), Ethan Allen in Wales (needs further analysis)
 - Southeast sites not to move forward: Mink Ranch Road/Highway 57 in Saukville.” (October 16 meeting minutes)
- Criteria lists and vote totals available at: <https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/AboutDOC/StudyCommittee.aspx> (October 1 and October 16 meeting materials)