



JUVENILE CORRECTIONS GRANT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 22, 2019

Location: Wisconsin Department of Corrections
3099 East Washington Ave
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & WELCOME

Secretary Kevin Carr, Department of Corrections

Secretary Kevin Carr opened the meeting and identified committee member and staff participating by conference phone.

ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL

Secretary Kevin Carr, Department of Corrections

Roll call was conducted by Secretary Carr. The following members were present:

Secretary Emilie Amundson, Department of Children & Families
Representative Mark Born, Wisconsin State Assembly
Secretary Kevin A. Carr, Department of Corrections
Ms. Sharlen Moore, Co-founder, Urban Underground
Representative Joe Sanfelippo, Wisconsin State Assembly
Representative Michael Schraa, Wisconsin State Assembly
Senator Van Wanggaard, Wisconsin State Senate
Representative David Crowley, Wisconsin State Assembly

The following member was present via teleconference:

Senator Alberta Darling, Wisconsin State Senate

The following member was not present:

Senator Lena Taylor, Wisconsin State Senate

REVIEW MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Secretary Kevin Carr, Department of Corrections

Handout: Draft meeting minutes from April 8, 2019

Secretary Carr turned the committee's attention to the draft meeting minutes from the prior meeting.

MOTION by Representative Schraa:

Move to accept meeting minutes from April 8, 2019.

Seconded by Representative Crowley.

Motion passed without dissent.

PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Naomi De Mers, Administrator, Division of Facility Development, Department of Administration

Handout & Visual: 2017 Act 185 – State Facilities Construction Overview

Administrator Naomi De Mers and her team provided an overview of the Facilities and construction related to Act 185. There are three facility projects that were discussed with the committee. DOA provided an overview of these facilities including budget and funding estimates for each type of facility.

- Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center Expansion (MJTC) – State facility.
- New Type 1 Juvenile Corrections Facilities – State facility.
- Secured Residential Care Centers for Children & Youth (SRCCCY) – County facility.

DOA provided an overview of their timeline for the State Juvenile Facility Construction Schedule and reviewed project milestones for each of the three projects. DOA also provided initial floor plans, bed counts and other information concerning each type of facility. Their visual also included some example images of the facilities. They provided a schedule of activities for the next few months concerning design and approval requirements for the projects.

CAPACITY DISCUSSION

Shannon Carpenter, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Department of Corrections

Handout: Other States Facility Costs

DOC has been working with other agencies and has been reviewing historical data. There are challenges with determining actual capacity including:

- The data set is very small; it only takes a couple changes in population to change the data percentages and projections significantly.
- The departments are creating something new with SRCCCYs which have not existed before; therefore, projections may vary as the new SRCCCYs become reality in counties.

Shannon requested from the committee information for specific information for capacity and if there are any other items to consider.

Discussion:

- Increased number of beds at MJTC: Administrator Rose Kleman stated that Act 185 allows MJTC to take referrals from counties when SRCCCYs are operational. In the past, referrals came only from the state. Additionally, MJTC does not currently serve girls. This addition is necessary based on the mental health programs currently provided at Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake. DHS is planning to utilize space in other ways if all the beds are not used.

- Treatment availability for SRCCCY's versus Mendota: While SRCCCY's will likely have some mental health services that are behavioral focused, MJTC services are more treatment focused than what correctional facilities are equipped to offer. At Type 1 facilities, there are significant mental health needs.
- Construction costs for SRCCCYs: the committee discussed the need to review administrative rules and other legislation.
- Act 185 has a provision that encourages repurposed construction.
- It is important to ensure statutes and regulations reflect expectations and consider how they reflect costs.
- There was discussion about operating numbers, adding 15%, and overbuilding.
- Security of SRCCCYs versus Type 1 facilities:
 - Populations assigned to SRCCCYs and Type 1 facilities are indistinguishable in terms of risk level.
 - Level of programming at each will likely be similar.
 - Court has identified a public safety need for a secure environment for youth housed at both facilities.
 - Youth that are eligible for SRCCCY placement may also be eligible for Type 1 facilities; the court has discretion in the disposition.

WISCONSIN MODEL GOALS DISCUSSION

Kevin A. Carr, Secretary, Department of Corrections

Danielle Melfi, Assistant Secretary, Department of Children & Families

Handout: Draft Considerations for a Wisconsin Model of Juvenile Justice

Secretary Carr and Assistant Secretary Melfi shared the draft considerations for a Wisconsin Model of Juvenile Justice document. The top three bullets on the Draft document were added as an outcome from the previous meeting. This document is closely tied to the Grant Application procedure. There is potential to use this document as a guideline for counties to submit a grant.

Discussion:

- The document incorporates a lot that was discussed but also adds flexibility.
- Review DCF's framework and strategic plan – potential to adopt policy requirements, prevention and diversion principles, and data measurements.
- It is important to review funding measures, data impact, etc.
- The Wisconsin model needs to be completed prior to release of the grant application. The grant application will require counties to consider the model, as outlined in Act 185.
- Keep the model flexible and keep it from being overly complex.
- Counties should include their current best practices within the application.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT GRANT APPLICATION

Danielle Melfi, Assistant Secretary, Department of Children & Families

Wendy Henderson, Administrator, Division of Safety & Permanence, Department of Children & Families

Handout: Draft Grant Announcement Summary

Concerning the Draft Grant Announcement Summary, the grant committee was asked: What are the key items should we keep? What should be removed? Additional items we want to add? The following discussion points were annotated on a flipchart by Administrator Henderson.

- Q6: Minimum → Maximum range of number served
 - Throughout → language regarding funding amount subject to change or this application can be used for future awards
- Q7: Add recidivism question
 - How will this address your local population you are planning to serve?
 - Noting in grant application that state would retain ownership if proposed prior to expiration, as outlined in Act 185.
- Contingency Planning – plan for repurposing space if not full (in legislation)? Also plan of where would they sit if project was not fully funded? What is the budget narrative?
- Q8: Portions of youth aids (YA) being spent on this vs. other YA purposes or how will you pay for ongoing costs for programs. Services and operating costs.
- Missing: Sustainability → How many kids from other counties on fee for service are required for the county's proposal to be financially viable?
 - Cap on the number of beds per facility
 - Require letter of support for local law enforcement agency

The goal for the committee is to approve grant application at the May 20th meeting.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Secretary Kevin Carr, Department of Corrections

Secretary Carr identified two additional handouts that were provided to the committee members. The documents were located in the last tab of the binder.

Handouts:

- Items for Consideration, by Sharlen Moore
- County Concerns Related to Secured Residential Care Centers for Children Youth

Secretary Carr stated that the counties will have an opportunity to provide additional concerns at the next meeting.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Kevin Carr, Department of Corrections

MOTION by Representative Schraa.

Move to adjourn.

Seconded by Representative Crowley.

Motion passed.