OUR PRESENTERS

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OUR CONTEXT

OUR VISION:
Together, creating healthy communities.

OUR MISSION:
Empowering safe, healthy, meaningful lives.

“In keeping with Milwaukee County’s commitment to racial equity, the DHHS Division of Youth & Family Services will reduce the footprint of youth incarceration while keeping communities safe by creating a responsive continuum of care for youth and their families.”

Mary Jo Meyers
Director, Milwaukee Co. DHHS
### OUR CONTEXT

Based on 2018 Census Estimate data:

#### MILWAUKEE CO.
- Pop: 948,201
  - Under 18: 24.0%
- Households: 382,027
  - Average size: 2.44

#### RACINE CO.
- Pop: 196,584
  - Under 18: 23.1%
- Households: 75,640
  - Average size: 2.51

#### DANE CO.
- Pop: 542,364
  - Under 18: 20.4%
- Households: 216,930
  - Average size: 2.35

#### BROWN CO.
- Pop: 263,378
  - Under 18: 23.8%
- Households: 103,267
  - Average size: 2.43

### Demographics

- **Latino/Hispanic:**
  - Milwaukee: 13.3%
  - Racine: 7.9%
  - Dane: 6.4%
  - Brown: 8.8%
- **Poverty Rate:**
  - Milwaukee: 21.9%
  - Racine: 10.9%
  - Dane: 11.3%
  - Brown: 9.7%
- **Median House Inc.:**
  - Milwaukee: $46,784
  - Racine: $58,334
  - Dane: $67,631
  - Brown: $56,775
## OUR CONTEXT

**Organization and Facilities/Capacity data by county**

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Historically, more than 60% of youth at WI DoC facilities are from Milwaukee County.
We recognize that young people are still maturing and developing, which is why we have changed our approach to youth justice.
SCREENING & ASSESSMENT

- Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI)
- Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument 2 (MAYSI2)
- Urban ACES
- Electronic Wisconsin Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (eWiSACWIS)
- Human Trafficking Risk Screen
PROJECTED PLACEMENTS

Projected Redistribution of Youth Placements

- Today
- July, 2020
- July, 2021

- LHS/CLS
- MCAP/Vel Phillips/Leasing Option
- Bakari Center
YOUTH AIDS SPEND (CURRENT)

RESIDENTIAL & PROGRAMMING
SECURE CARE
YOUTH AIDS SPEND 2021 (PLANNED)

RESIDENTIAL & PROGRAMMING

SECURE CARE

REINVESTED
LOWER CENSUS, LOWER COSTS
OUR STRATEGIES

• Cut misdemeanor admissions 50% (from 12 to 6 per year)
• Limit misdemeanor LOS to 90 days (current 7.8 months)
• Reduce technical violation return rate from 24% to 12%
• Limit average return LOS to 60 days (current 5.4 months)
• Cut vehicular admissions 25% (from 40 to 30 per year)
• Limit average vehicular LOS to 6 months (current 8.3 months)
• Reduce average burglary LOS to 8 months (current 10 months)
• Limit average non-violent, property LOS to 6 months (current 8.7)
# Continuum of Services

## Community-Based Alternatives
- Wraparound Milwaukee, Running Rebels, YAP, Credible Messengers, Level II Monitoring, community treatment programs, Achievement Centers

## Non-Secure/Staff Secure Residential Treatment
- Bakari center (24 beds)
- Norris Virtual Academy
- Staff Secure partnership with agency TBD for Girls residential (5 beds)

## SRCCCY
- 32 bed expansion/remodel at Vel Phillips
- Potential leased beds TBD
- Vel Phillips School (Wauwatosa School District)

## Transition & Aftercare
- MST-FIT
- Wraparound Milwaukee
- MATC, Employ Milwaukee, Job Corps, other vocational partners
VEL PHILLIPS RENOVATION

What will be different at the Vel R. Phillips Youth & Family Justice Center?
Elements of the Milwaukee Model

- Proven evidence-based and evidence-informed practices and programs: Integrated Treatment Model, MST-FIT, Youth Advocates Program.
- A continuum of treatment and rehabilitation environments to meet the treatment and security needs of youth.
- Practices that address responsivity, cultural relevance, racial equity, community and family engagement.
Youth who could be served in a non-secure setting.

Youth who need a secure setting but can be served in a more normative setting.

Youth who display violent/assaultive or other dangerous behavior and need a setting with robust internal security fixtures (cells, secure doors, etc) for their safety and the safety of others.

**Placement Setting:** Renovation of MCAP pod to serve as Crisis unit at the Vel Phillips Detention Center

**Placement Setting:** Community-based “Residential” SRCCCY at the Vel Phillips Detention Center or yet to be determined

**Placement Setting:** Non-secure community placement with services and supports.

**Community-based Programs**

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

**SRCCCY Needs Profile: Future State**

3 units / 24 beds

1 unit / 8 beds
INTEGRATED TREATMENT MODEL

• DBT-based treatment approach
• Relational model that emphasizes youth engagement and validation
• Milieu of reinforcement and redirection by peers and staff
• Uses behavior chain analysis to address the function of problematic behaviors
• Evidence-based family therapy
HOW WE MEASURE SUCCESS

• Live at home
• Participation in school or work
• Avoid recidivism
• Improved family relations
• Access network of supports
• Success in educational/vocational setting
• Sustain positive changes
QUESTIONS
Thank You