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RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

REQUESTED INFORMATION: CFHHS Interim Committee requested follow up information on the Out-of-State Placement of Youth Report, including three questions:

1. For the two in-state providers of care to these high-needs children, do they struggle most with bed space or staffing?
2. How many children went to each out-of-state facility in the current and previous fiscal year?
3. How does the department oversee the out-of-state facilities?

RESPONSE:

1. For the two in-state providers of care to these high-needs children, do they struggle most with bed space or staffing?

Montana's in-state Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs), Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch (YBGR) and Shodair Children's Hospital, report "at maximum capacity" based on either bed space or staffing limitations, noting that staffing deficiencies occur sporadically. YBGR and Shodair are best informed to respond to this question.

2. How many children went to each out-of-state facility in the current and previous fiscal year?

The following chart depicts the number of children who received treatment in an out-of-state placement by facility for SFY 2023 and SFY 2022.

Facility - OOS PRTF	SFY 2023	SFY 2022
AURORA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	0	1
AVALON HILLS	1	1

BENCHMARK BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	13	15
COPPER HILLS	29	27
CSI BLEDSOE YOUTH ACADEMY	1	0
CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL LLC	0	1
DETROIT BEHAVIORAL INSTITUTE	0	1
THE DEVEREUX FOUNDATION	3	3
MILL CREEK OF ARKANSAS	5	20
LITTLE CREEK	0	7
HAVENWOOD ACADEMY LLC	7	8
HERMITAGE HALL	1	1
LAKELAND HOSPITAL ACQUISITIO	0	2
MEADOWLARK ACADEMY	1	0
MINGUS MOUNTAIN ACADEMY	0	1
NATCHEZ TRACE YOUTH ACADEMY	1	0
NEW BEGINNINGS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	0	1
NORRIS ACADEMY	9	12
PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF ARLINGTON	1	0
PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL OF FORR	6	6
PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL OF JACKSON	2	0
PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL OF MISSOURI	1	0
PERIMETER BEHAVIORAL OF THE OZA	5	2
PINEY RIDGE TREATMENT CENTER	8	9
UHS OF PROVO CANYON, INC.	31	40
REHABILITATION CENTERS, LLC	1	4
RITE OF PASSAGE - CANYON STATE ACADEMY	4	0
RITE OF PASSAGE - GULF COAST TRADES CENTER	1	1
RIVERVIEW BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	2	0
ROLLING HILLS HOSPITAL	11	6
RTC RESOURCE ACQUISITION COR	3	2
SANDY PINES BEHAVIORAL	1	0
STEVENS TREATMENT PROGRAMS	0	1
TEXAS SAN MARCOS TREATMENT CTR	2	0
UHS OF SAVANNAH, LLC	22	23
VILLAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	1	0
WOODRIDGE OF MISSOURI	5	1
WYOMING BEHAVIORAL INSTITUTE	5	4
YOUTH OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS	4	0
YOUTH OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS LLC	2	0
ZION HILLS ACADEMY INC	0	1
TOTAL	189	201

Facility - OOS TGH	SFY 2023	SFY 2022
SYS OF FALCON RIDGE RANCH	16	27
YOUTH HEALTH ASSOCIATES	28	27
WOODWARD YOUTH CORPORATION	7	11
SYS OF LAVA HEIGHTS	12	16
SUCCESSFUL DREAMS	2	0
SPARK ACADEMY	1	1
SEQUEL TSI OF IDAHO MOUNTAIN	0	17
SEQUEL OF KANSAS, LLC	0	4
LAKESIDE ACADEMY	0	1
Total	66	104

Note: These totals will not reconcile directly to the numbers in the out of state report because there are a small number of youth who received treatment in more than one facility.

3. How does the department oversee the out-of-state facilities?

The Children's Mental Health Bureau (CMHB) has various processes which act as oversight to the out of state providers including Incident Report Reviews, Quality of Care Concerns, and Quality Audit Reviews.

- Incident Reports**, or serious occurrences, are defined in Code of Federal Regulation to include a resident's death, a serious injury to a resident, and a resident's suicide attempt. (42 CFR 483.374) Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities are required to report any serious occurrence involving a Montana youth receiving treatment funded through Montana Medicaid to the CMHB. The Clinical Team at CMHB, consisting of three licensed clinicians and a board-certified psychiatrist, review each incident report. This team reviews reports for compliance with state and federal regulations, and when appropriate makes recommendations for follow up or further action with the provider. These actions could include:
 - Requesting more information from the provider about the incident,
 - Provider education,
 - Quality of Care Concern, or
 - Corrective action plans.

- **Quality of Care (QOC) Concerns** are related to all aspects of care provision and management inconsistent with accepted best practices and standards of care. QOC concerns may include but are not limited to endangerment or neglect, medical and psychiatric care, treatment plan formulation and implementation, medication management concerns, and discharge planning. QOC concerns can be brought forth by anyone, but often are the result of reviewing incident reports or are expressed by a member or member representative.

When CMHB receives a QOC, a clinical reviewer is assigned to review and investigate. The reviewer then makes a recommendation for further action or to close the QOC. The CMHB Clinical Team reviews these recommendations and collaboratively approves next steps. If the QOC is substantiated, the following are possible courses of action:

- Practitioner/provider notification and education,
- Development and implementation of a corrective action plan,
- Disciplinary action, or
- Admission hold.

- **Quality Audit Reviews (QAR)** are a process utilized by CMHB to ensure quality care of youth in out of state Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities. QAR relates to all aspects of care provision and management in-line with best practices, applicable Administrative Rules of Montana, Code of Federal Regulations, and the CMHB Provider Manual. Quarterly, a random sampling of youth being treated in out of state PRTFs are selected for audit. The provider is contacted with an explanation of the QAR process and a request for records. The CMHB QAR team, consisting of licensed clinicians and a board-certified psychiatrist, review records for rule compliance, quality of care, prescribing practices, and other areas of clinical interest. The QAR team compiles summaries of reviews for each facility and makes recommendations based on findings. Recommendations range from provider education, corrective action plans, disciplinary actions, etc. CMHB communicates audit findings and recommendations to the provider and engages in any required follow-up.