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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 16, 2008

TO: Anne Sappenfield, Senior Staff Attorney
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FROM: Silvia Jackson, Assistant Administrator
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SUBJECT: Comparison of Daily Costs in Missouri and Wisconsin Secure Juvenile Facilities

Attached please find a brief analysis comparing the FY 08 secure juvenile facility daily rates of Missouri and Wisconsin. You will see that when we remove the cost centers that Missouri does not include in their rate, the net Wisconsin daily cost is very similar: \$168.04 in Wisconsin verses \$165.00 in Missouri. The budget figures from Missouri were given to us by an analyst in the MO Department of Social Services. The Missouri numbers are retrospective, in that they are determined after the close of the state fiscal year on the basis of actual spending.

The second part of the analysis addresses how Missouri funds the educational costs of juveniles in their facilities. The MO-DYS is treated like a school district and receives state school aids accordingly. We were unable to get from Missouri the dollars received from this source. However, we do identify the total educational costs (\$6,484,000 for FY 08) in the WI-DJC daily rate that are charged back to counties and pose if we were to adopt this aspect of the Missouri model in Wisconsin, DJC could receive state school aids funds to cover part or all of the \$30.47 daily rate spent on educational costs. Also, there is a brief statement on use of state-only and federally reimbursed Medicaid funding as another potential new funding stream for WI-DJC that Missouri already utilizes to fund health care and treatment services.

Attachment

Cc: Amy Smith, Deputy Secretary
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