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- I. Opening provided by Ron Hauser, VP
  - A. Sharing of history of LSS as an organization developed to meet needs.
  - B. Review of current LSS community based services for juveniles throughout the state of WI.
    - 1. Family Partnership Initiative
    - 2. Youth Enterprise for Success
    - 3. Community Based Intensive Supervision
    - 4. Family Preservation Services/Intensive In-Home Treatment
    - 5. Adolescent Transition Services (independent living training)
    - 6. Youth Treatment Center
- II. Homme Youth and Family Programs, LSS
  - A. Current Homme Programs and scope of services.
  - B. Three campuses, all provide services to SJO youth
  - C. Acceptance Program- Wittenberg
    - 1. Dual license, CBRF/RCC
    - 2. Goal for Stoughton dual license to meet the needs of the southern half of the state
    - 3. Programming
      - a. 14 week curriculum
      - b. Job skills training
      - c. High school and technical college credits
      - d. Transitional services- part of the OJOR process
      - e. Continued monitoring while in the community
- III. Challenges that must be addressed to reduce recidivism
  - A. Assessment of risk early into system-typology identification
  - B. Funding for intensive supervision within the continuum of care providers
  - C. Reaching children at high risk early, prior to extensive involvement in the system
  - D. Flexibility to file for extensions for sanction time, to be used if a youth uses their three years of Type 1 time.