

**Racine County Ch 980 Committee**  
Ives Grove Office Complex  
14200 Washington Ave  
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium  
Sturtevant, WI 53177  
Monday, July 22, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

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**Meeting attended by:** Corporation Counsel Michael Lanzdorf, Assistant Corporation Counsel John Serketich, Legal Coordinator for the Office of the Corporation Counsel Nicole Jurgens, Racine County Real Property Lister/GIS Manager Kim Christman, Aging and Disability Services Administrator Michelle Goggins, and DHS Contract Specialist Angie Serwa (by phone)

**1. Convene meeting**

The meeting of the Ch. 980 Committee was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Assistant Corporation Counsel John Serketich. Attorney Serketich gave a brief statement on the status of the committee.

**2. Public Comments**

There were no members of the public present and, therefore, no comments.

**3. Approve Agenda & Minutes**

Agenda for July 22, 2019 meeting and Minutes from June 24, 2019 meeting reviewed.

**Motion:** Michelle Goggins moved to approve both the agenda and minutes. Seconded by Kim Christman.

**Action:** All Ayes, No Nays. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

**4. Discuss/consider process for making recommendation to DHS and Court for Chapter 980 sex offender placement**

9:07 – Discussion held.

Michael Fink: court order states July 26, 2019 but statutory deadline should be August 17, 2019; also issue of county of residence, Racine County is primary, Juneau County is secondary; has been confirmed with defense Counsel Bob Peterson.

Question posed to DHS: what is the next step since Racine County has been unsuccessful in finding placement? DHS Angie Serwa is drafting a letter to the Court asking which party is supposed to request Law Enforcement's review; the DHS may oppose Juneau County placement with his father because Law Enforcement did not yet review the property and DHS does not place offenders with family. Juneau County has not yet been ordered to form a committee to place Fink so the residence cannot yet be reviewed. Juneau Co's Corporation Counsel attended Fink's last hearing so they are aware of the possibility that they may receive the case, but it is not yet official. Fink's next hearing is Sept 16, 2019 at 1:30 pm.

DHS recommends that because the committee is under the Court's order to submit the report, the committee should do so even if there isn't an identifiable property; efforts should be submitted to the Court for a clear record.

James Hinkle: No identified properties, will follow reporting actions as Fink. DHS does not have guidance of when to report, unlike Fink because it is an odd situation where a secondary county was identified.

Angie Serwa does not have any examples of similar situations where a county did not meet the deadline. Kenosha currently having trouble placing an offender, is submitting their report saying so. Motion Hearings (for damages) have been set but properties had been found and the hearing was changed to a Review Hearing to review the plan.

County is doing an RFI to attempt to find a realtor to help identify properties, access MLS, etc. Vendors are only willing to purchase a house up to a price point based on what the state has paid for offenders in the past. If the price point that the state is willing to pay is increased, then more vendors may be willing to pay more. Angie states that a vendor elsewhere in the state recently purchased \$200,000 home but knows that the state has never paid more than \$3,000.00/month rent.

Assembly Bill 55 update: may make home schools classified as schools which would further limit placement, there is an opposing bill. Pulled for summer session, will continue to follow for updates.

HSD is going to run a search of homes up to \$150,000.00 and push that list out to the vendors.

Due dates:

Michael Fink – July 26, 2019

James Hinkle – August 3, 2019

Daniel Williams – August 23, 2019

Action items:

1. Corp Counsel will submit a report to the court and copy the parties by the end of the week.
2. Check for Review Hearing dates for the other offenders.

August 26, 2019 meeting moved to August 19, 2019 at 9:00 am.

**5. Closed Session**

There were no discussions that required a closed session, therefore, the meeting remained open for its entirety.

**6. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Michelle Goggins moved to adjourn meeting at 10:01 a.m. Seconded by Kim Christman.

**Action:** All Ayes No Nays. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Recorded July 22, 2019  
Nicole Jurgens  
Office of the Corporation Counsel