

Racine County Ch 980 Committee
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Ave
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium
Sturtevant, WI 53177
Monday, November 22, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting attended by: Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich, Assistant Corporation Counsel Erika Frank Motsch, Legal Coordinator for the Office of the Corporation Counsel Nicole Jurgens, Aging and Disability Services Administrator Michelle Goggins, Racine County Real Property Lister-GIS Manager Kim Christman, DOC Corrections Field Supervisor Nancy Ahler, Angela Serwa from Wisconsin Department of Health Services (“DHS”), and Public Works and Development Services Director Julie Anderson.

1. Convene meeting

The meeting of the Ch. 980 Committee was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich.

2. Public Comments

No members of the public were present; therefore, no public comments made.

3. Approve Agenda & Minutes

Agenda for November 22, 2021 meeting and Minutes from October 25, 2021 meeting reviewed.

Motion: Michelle Goggins moved to approve both the agenda and minutes. Seconded by Julie Anderson.

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

4. Legal updates (Office of Corporation Counsel)

9:08 a.m.

Daniel Williams

On October 27, 2021, the Committee submitted a report to DHS that identified the residential option the Committee approved at the October 25, 2021 meeting. A copy of that report was also filed with the Court in Racine County Case No. 1995CF1197. On November 12, 2021, DHS submitted a supervised release for Mr. Williams that included the identified residential option. On November 15, 2021, the Court held a hearing to review that supervised release plan, which the Court orally approved at the conclusion of the hearing. On November 17, 2021, the Court entered its final order for the approval of that supervised release plan. That order also required that Mr. Williams be placed at the identified residence no later than December 15, 2021.

Hung Tran

Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option. On November 1, 2021, the Court held a review hearing in this matter, Racine County Case No. 2004CI03. Although the County is not a party to this case as no actions have been brought against the County, the Office of Corporation Counsel was asked by the Court to attend that hearing. On that date, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John Serketich attended the hearing and reported that a residential option had not yet been identified. The County was excused from attending any subsequent hearings. On November 10, 2021, Mr. Tran filed a Petition for

Discharge. On November 19, 2021, the Court held a hearing regarding that petition, and a court trial was scheduled for February 25, 2021.

Dennis Yarber

Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option. As in Mr. Tran's case, on November 1, 2021, the Court held a review hearing in this matter, Racine County Case No. 2014CI02. Like in Mr. Tran's case, although the County is not a party to this case as no actions have been brought against the County, the Office of Corporation Counsel was asked by the Court to attend that hearing. At the review hearing, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John Serketich attended the hearing and reported that a residential option had not yet been identified. Mr. Yarber's counsel indicated that actions may be filed in this matter due to the delay in locating a residential option.

Jamerrel Everett

Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option.

5. Residential option updates (Racine County Human Services Department (HSD))

9:18 a.m.

Ms. Goggins provided the following updates on HSD's evaluations of the potential properties provided to HSD by Ms. Christman and HSD's other efforts to identify suitable housing for the pending parties.

October: 696 properties were referred to HSD for evaluation, of which only 51 had not been previously evaluated by HSD for conformity with statutory criteria. Of those 51 properties, 41 met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool. Fifteen properties were sent to vendors for consideration; but, no vendors expressed interested in those 15 properties. All 15 properties exceeded the amount of all participating vendors' preferred purchase prices for residential properties.

Ms. Christman provided the following updates regarding the total number of properties that were sent to HSD for evaluation as of November 22, 2021:

- **MLS Listings**
 - 10-25-2021: 21 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 29)
 - 10-26-2021: 28 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 36)
 - 10-27-2021: 32 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 37)
 - 10-28-2021: 28 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 33)
 - 10-29-2021: 32 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 35)
 - 11-01-2021: 31 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 34)
 - 11-02-2021: 28 single family, 4 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 34)
 - 11-03-2021: 30 single family, 6 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 43)
 - 11-04-2021: 33 single family, 4 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 40)
 - 11-05-2021: 25 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 32)
 - 11-08-2021: 23 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 30)
 - 11-09-2021: 23 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 27)
 - 11-10-2021: 28 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 34)
 - 11-11-2021: 36 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 0 condos (total: 37)
 - 11-12-2021: 31 single family, 2 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 37)
 - 11-15-2021: 20 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 24)
 - 11-16-2021: 24 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 27)
 - 11-17-2021: 32 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 36)

- 11-18-2021: 31 single family, 4 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 39)
- 11-19-2021: 32 single family, 4 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 40)

- **Grand total: 684**
 - 568 single family
 - 43 two-family
 - 5 multi-family
 - 68 condos

- GIS Mapping Tool
 - There were no updates to the GIS mapping tool.

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

9:20 a.m.

Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John Serketich reported that he participated in the monthly call with other Corporation Counsels from Wisconsin. Fond du Lac County reported on that call the County itself was in the process of securing a mobile/trailer home for Chapter 980 committed persons. Fond du Lac County further provided that they intended to place that residence near a County-owned and operated Public Works garage.

Discussed other Counties still are having difficulty locating residential options for Chapter 980 committed persons within the statutory time frame as a result of the same or similar issues, like zoning, budgets of participating vendors, lack of vendor participation, and lack of any alternative funding including from Counties themselves.

7. **Closed Session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(d), (e), and (f) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to discuss confidential offender information under Wis. Stats § 980.06.**

No items for closed session.

8. **Adjournment**

9:30 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, December 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**

Motion: Julie Anderson moved to adjourn meeting at 9:30 a.m. Seconded by Michelle Goggins.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.