

Racine County Ch 980 Committee
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Ave
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium
Sturtevant, WI 53177
Monday, May 23, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting attended by: Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich, 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, Angela Serwa from Wisconsin Department of Health Services (“DHS”), Nancy Ahler from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, and Public Works and Development Services Director Julie Anderson.

1. Convene meeting

The meeting of the Ch. 980 Committee was called to order at 9:11 a.m. by Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich.

2. Public Comments

No members of the public present, therefore no comments.

3. Approve Agenda & Minutes

Agenda for May 23, 2022, meeting and Minutes from April 25, 2022, meeting reviewed.

Motion: Nicole Jurgens 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)

9:14 a.m.

Daniel Williams

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 1995-CF-1197

Wisconsin Court of Appeals District II Case No: 2020-AP-2074

As discussed by the Committee previously, after Mr. Williams was placed at the residence identified by this Committee, the Town of Burlington filed a Motion to Intervene. That motion was heard and denied by the Court on January 6, 2022. The appeal related to the Court’s order requiring the County to buy or build was dismissed on April 28, 2022. Mr. Williams will remain in his placement in the Town of Burlington.

Dennis Yarber

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2014-CI-02

Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option. His counsel, Mr. Jones, may be leaving the Public Defender's office but a date for his leaving is not known yet.

Jamerrel Everett

Waukesha County Circuit Court Case No: 2004-CI-01

Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option. As discussed by the Committee previously, Mr. Everett's case related to his commitment is venued in Waukesha County. Like other commitment cases, Racine County is not a party to the action, however, counsel for the County is considering its role in that hearing.

Attorney Bob Petersen filed a petition on behalf of Jamerrel Everett for discharge in May. There was a Status Conference held on May 10, 2022. Attorney Serketich presented statements regarding placement information. A court trial for the motion for discharge is scheduled for August 25, 2022.

Michael Fink

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2006-CI-01

Mr. Fink has been on supervised release and living at a residence identified by this Committee since July 2020. On March 16, 2022, Mr. Fink filed a petition for discharge, and a hearing date for that discharge was set for May 9, 2022. However, on March 24, 2022, the State filed a Petition to Revoke Order for Supervised Release, and that revocation matter was heard on April 21, 2022. Corporation Counsel did not attend but the CCAP minutes reflect that the Petition to Revoke Order for Supervised Release was discussed but the matter was adjourned to May 9, 2022.

At the May 9, 2022 hearing, the parties filed an ATR (Alternatives to Revocation) and the Petition to Revoke was withdrawn by the Department. The Court would not sign the ATR but set the matter for review on May 31, 2022. Ms. Serwa reported that she could not provide further information on the revocation matter at this time, but that she would update the Committee if the action resulted in a placement becoming available at Mr. Fink's current residence.

James Hinkle

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2012-CI-01

Mr. Hinkle has been on supervised release and living at a residence identified by this Committee since August 2020. On April 8, 2022, the State filed a Petition to Revoke Order for Supervised Release. On April 25, 2022, Mr. Hinkle agreed to working out an ATR and requested to go to Sandridge. A supervised release revocation hearing was held on May 2, 2022 and an ATR was submitted. Defense requested a hold on his current placement, but the Court refused. A review hearing on the ATR is scheduled for June 3, 2022. Ms. Serwa reported that she could not provide further information on the revocation matter at this time, but that she would update the Committee if the action resulted in a placement becoming available at Mr. Hinkle's current residence.

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

9:22 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.

April: 520 properties were referred to HSD for evaluation, of which only 32 had not been previously evaluated by HSD for conformity with statutory criteria. Of those 32 properties, 29 met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool. 22 of the 29 properties exceeded the amount of all the participating vendors' preferred purchase prices for residential properties, so seven properties that were within the vendors' purchase prices were sent to vendors for consideration.

Also, Ms. Goggins stated that one of the vendors did send some homes to HSD that were thought to be going on the market shortly. Her staff researched those properties, and the properties did not meet the statutory criteria.

Ms. Christman provide the following updates regarding the total number of properties that were sent to HSD for evaluation since the last committee meeting and as of May 20, 2022:

- MLS Listings
 - 04/25/2022: 24 single family, 5 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 30)
 - 04/26/2022: 18 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 22)
 - 04/27/2022: 20 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 22)
 - 04/28/2022: 21 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 25)
 - 04/29/2022: No list sent
 - 05/02/2022: 23 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 27)
 - 05/03/2022: 15 single family, 5 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 22)
 - 05/04/2022: 20 single family, 8 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 33)
 - 05/05/2022: 29 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 35)
 - 05/06/2022: 33 single family, 0 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 37)
 - 05/09/2022: 25 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 31)
 - 05/10/2022: 23 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 29)
 - 05/11/2022: 21 single family, 4 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 8 condos (total: 35)
 - 05/12/2022: 21 single family, 4 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 11 condos (total: 38)
 - 05/13/2022: 24 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 7 condos (total: 35)
 - 05/16/2022: 29 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 34)
 - 05/17/2022: 17 single family, 5 two-family, 3 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 28)
 - 05/18/2022: No list sent
 - 05/19/2022: 24 single family, 4 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 33)
 - 05/19/2022: 35 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 38)

▪ **Grand total: 554**

- 422 single family
- 55 two-family
- 13 multi-family
- 64 condos

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

9:32 a.m.

Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich spoke regarding what he is seeing among his discussions regarding 980s with other counties.

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.**

Motion to go into 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 was made by Julie Anderson and second by Kim Christman. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Julie Anderson made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Kim Christman. All ayes. Open session was resumed at 11:12 a.m.

8. **Adjournment**

11:13 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, June 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.**

Motion: Julie Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Seconded by Kim Christman. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Recorded May 23, 2022

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