

**Racine County Ch 980 Committee**  
Ives Grove Office Complex  
14200 Washington Ave  
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium  
Sturtevant, WI 53177  
June 27, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

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**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 Bethany Tangerstrom Heitman, Aging and Disability Services Operations Manager Jelena Jones, 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 June 27, 2022, meeting and Minutes from May 23, 2022, meeting reviewed.

**Motion:** Julie Anderson moved to approve both the agenda and minutes. Seconded by Assistant Corporation Counsel Erika Frank Motsch.

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

**4. Legal updates (Office of Corporation Counsel)**

9:12 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, and therefore, no further action should be required of the Committee for this case at this time.

**Dennis Yarber**

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

Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option.

**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 2022. A court trial for the motion for discharge is scheduled for August 25, 2022. Furthermore, on June 20, 2022, Racine County Human Services Department ("HSD") contacted the Racine County Sheriff's Office ("RASO") and the Village of Caledonia Police Department ("CAPD") to investigate whether 7741 Douglas Avenue is still an appropriate property for serious child sex offenders due to Mr. Hinkle's Alternative to Revocation ("ATR") resulting in his return to Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center ("Sand Ridge"). CAPD Chief reported via email that CAPD's investigation and report should be received later this week.

**Michael Fink**

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

As previously discussed by the Committee, 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, DHS filed a Petition to Revoke Order for Supervised Release. Each of those matters were heard on May 9, 2022, and again on May 31, 2022. On May 31, 2022, the Office of Corporation Counsel did not attend, but, per the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Page ("CCAP"), the parties stipulated to an ATR and the Petition to Revoke was withdrawn by the DHS. Pursuant to that ATR, Mr. Fink will remain at the residence identified by the Committee previously.

**James Hinkle**

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

As previously discussed by the Committee, 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 May 2, 2022, the parties entered an ATR, which required that Mr. Hinkle return to Sand Ridge. Although defense requested a hold on Mr. Hinkle's current placement, that was refused by the Court. A review hearing on the ATR was held on June 3, 2022, and the Court Record and DHS advises that Mr. Hinkle will remain at Sand Ridge. DHS has confirmed that they will enter lease for another committed person to live at the residence if the statutory requirements are met. As a result, as reported during the discussion of Mr. Everett, the residence at which Mr. Hinkle was placed, 7741 Douglas Avenue, is to be evaluated to determine

whether the property still meets the statutory requirements for a serious child sex offender by law enforcement.

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

9:19 a.m.

Ms. Jones reported that staff continues to evaluate properties identified by Ms. Christman on a daily basis.

Ms. Tangerstrom Heitman, on behalf of Ms. Christman, reported the following updates regarding the total number of properties that were sent to HSD for evaluation since the last committee meeting and as of June 24, 2022:

- **MLS Listings**
  - 05/23/2022: 18 single family, 5 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 26)
  - 05/24/2022: 25 single family, 5 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 7 condos (total: 39)
  - 05/25/2022: 23 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 8 condos (total: 34)
  - 05/26/2022: 26 single family, 1 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 32)
  - 05/27/2022: no list sent
  - 05/31/2022: 23 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 27)
  - 06/01/2022: 25 single family, 5 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 32)
  - 06/02/2022: 33 single family, 2 two-family, 3 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 42)
  - 06/03/2022: 34 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 39)
  - 06/06/2022: 22 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 27)
  - 06/07/2022: 24 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 0 condos (total: 27)
  - 06/08/2022: 30 single family, 0 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 0 condos (total: 31)
  - 06/09/2022: 30 single family, 6 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 38)
  - 06/10/2022: 35 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 37)
  - 06/13/2022: no list sent
  - 06/14/2022: 19 single family, 1 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 26)
  - 06/15/2022: 30 single family, 3 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 0 condos (total: 35)
  - 06/16/2022: 26 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 34)
  - 06/17/2022: 27 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 13 condos (total: 44)
  - 06/20/2022: 28 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 33)
  - 06/21/2022: 28 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 32)
  - 06/22/2022: 35 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 42)
  - 06/23/2022: 35 single family, 6 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 42)
  - 06/24/2022: 30 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 37)
- **Grand total: 756**
  - **606 single family**
  - **56 two-family**
  - **17 multi-family**
  - **77 condos**

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

9:21 a.m.

Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich reported that the state-wide meeting of corporation counsels regarding Chapter 980 issues was not held last month due to a holiday, and he does not expect there will be a meeting next month due to similar issues.

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.**

9:23a.m.

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 Angela Serwa and seconded by Assistant Corporation Counsel Erika Frank Motsch. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Erika Frank Motsch made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Jelena Jones. All ayes. Open session was resumed at 9:48a.m.

8. **Adjournment**

9:48 a.m.

Possible Emergency Meeting: **Monday, July 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.**

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, July 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.**

**August meeting scheduled for: Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

**Motion:** Assistant Corporation Counsel Erika Frank Motsch moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Seconded by Jelena Jones. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Recorded June 27, 2022

Bethany Tangerstrom Heitman - Office of the Corporation Counsel