

Racine County Ch 980 Committee
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Ave
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium
Sturtevant, WI 53177
October 24, 2022 – 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 Bethany Heitman (nee Tangerstrom), Aging and Disability Division Manager Michelle Goggins, 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 09:10 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 October 24, 2022, meeting and Minutes from September 26, 2022, meeting reviewed.

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

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

4. Legal updates (Office of Corporation Counsel)

9:12 a.m.

Dennis Yarber

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

Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option. A petition for discharge was filed on 10/10/2022, by Attorney Jennifer Cunha. A Motion Hearing/Hearing on the discharge petition is set to be heard on 12/2/2022 at 1:45pm before Judge Gasiorkiewicz.

Jamerrel Everett

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

A Committee report was sent to DHS and filed with the Court regarding 7741 Douglas Avenue as an identified residential option for Mr. Everett on August 9, 2022. The Supervised Release Plan was

approved by the Courts and DHS confirmed Mr. Everett was placed at 7741 Douglas Avenue on October 4th.

James Levandowski

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2013-CI-01

Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option. The Committee has until November 4, 2022, to find a residential option for Mr. Levandowski per statutory requirements. The Committee will send a report to the Court by November 4, 2022, with a residential placement for Mr. Levandowski or describing the efforts that the Committee has made in its attempts to locate him a residential option.

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

9:17 a.m.

Ms. 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 October 21, 2022:

- **MLS Listings**
 - 09/26/2022: 24 single family, 2 two-family, 3 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 33)
 - 09/27/2022: 26 single family, 3 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 33)
 - 09/28/2022: 32 single family, 3 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 39)
 - 09/29/2022: 37 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 43)
 - 09/30/2022: no list
 - 10/03/2022: no list
 - 10/04/2022: 24 single family, 4 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 34)
 - 10/05/2022: 31 single family, 5 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 42)
 - 10/06/2022: 39 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 0 condos (total: 40)
 - 10/07/2022: 32 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 41)
 - 10/10/2022: 25 single family, 1 two-family, 4 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 35)
 - 10/11/2022: 30 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 36)
 - 10/12/2022: 36 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 43)
 - 10/13/2022: 39 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 46)
 - 10/14/2022: 39 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 45)
 - 10/17/2022: 21 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 10 condos (total: 33)
 - 10/18/2022: 27 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 35)
 - 10/19/2022: 26 single family, 5 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 34)
 - 10/20/2022: 24 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 30)
 - 10/21/2022: 35 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 37)
- **Grand total: 679**
 - **547 single family**
 - **45 two-family**
 - **19 multi-family**

- **68 condos**

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:

September: 646 properties were referred to HSD for evaluation, of which only 55 had not been previously evaluated by HSD for conformity with statutory criteria. Of those 55 properties, 43 met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool. Forty-four of the 55 properties exceeded the amount of all the participating vendors' preferred purchase prices for residential properties (maximum amount of \$350,000), so the remaining 11 properties were sent to vendors for consideration. One vendor did make an offer on one of the locations, however, he was not the highest bid.

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

9:19 a.m.

Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich reported that the state-wide meeting of corporation counsels regarding Chapter 980 issues was held in October. The main points that were discussed during that meeting were:

- Current Litigation – It is believed that Kenosha County is the only county currently facing any litigation.
- Legislative Changes – No one on the call was aware of any new pending legislative changes or updates. (DOC and DHS confirmed they have not heard of any updates or changes either).
- Caps – Although it appears no counties or committees have set any limits on properties that are searched, the vendors that have expressed interest in locating and leasing residential options to DHS for 980 purposes have expressed some limits on how much they would be willing to spend on properties.

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.**

9:25 a.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 Michelle Goggins second by Julie Anderson. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Julie Anderson made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Michelle Goggins. All ayes. Open session was resumed at 9:41 a.m.

8. **Adjournment**

9:41 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, November 21 at 9:00 a.m. (Please note the Committee chose the third Monday of the month rather the fourth due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.)**

Motion: Julie Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m. Seconded by Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Recorded October 24, 2022

Bethany Heitman (nee Tangerstrom) - Office of the Corporation Counsel