

Racine County Ch 980 Committee
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Ave
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium
Sturtevant, WI 53177
April 24, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting attended by: Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich, Legal Coordinator for the Office of the Corporation Counsel Bethany Heitman (nee Tangerstrom), Aging and Disability Quality Assurance Supervisor Natalie Meinert, Racine County Real Property Lister-GIS Manager Kim Christman, Public Works and Development Services Superintendent Brian Jensen, and Nancy Ahler from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (“DOC”). In attendance for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (“DHS”) were Scott Timm, Hannah Christian, and Leann Cornell.

1. Convene meeting

The meeting of the Ch. 980 Committee was called to order at 09:04 a.m. by Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich. Introduction of new DHS representatives that will replace Angela Serwa.

2. Public Comments

No members of the public present, therefore no comments.

3. Approve Agenda & Minutes

Agenda for April 24, 2023, meeting and Minutes from March 27, 2023, meeting reviewed.

Motion: Brian Jensen moved to approve both the agenda and amended minutes. Seconded by Kim Christman.

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

4. Legal updates (Office of Corporation Counsel)

9:08 a.m.

James Levandowski

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2013CI01

The Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option. On April 3, 2023, Attorney for Mr. Levandowski filed an affidavit in support of an order to show cause for a finding of contempt, and the Court entered an Order to Show Cause for Finding of Contempt that will be heard May 30, 2023 at 1:30PM.

NOTE - The following legal updates are informational only and no action is needed by the Committee at this time:

Jamerrel V. Everett

Waukesha County Circuit Court Case No:2004CI01

A petition to revoke order for supervised release was filed on December 7, 2022. A motion hearing on that petition is scheduled for May 25, 2023 at 2:30PM.

Dennis Yarber

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

Mr. Yarber will be placed at the identified Adult Family Home (AFH). On March 31, 2023, DHS sent a letter to the Court providing information about issues identified at the AFH and which were previously discussed by the Committee last meeting. The Court then entered an Order on April 18, 2023 to identify a new AFH.

Michael Fink

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2006CI01

On March 29, 2023, Mr. Fink filed a petition for discharge. The court set a status conference for October 27, 2023 and a court trial for November 13, 2023. The Office of Corporation Counsel will continue to monitor this case.

James Hinkle

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2012CI01

On April 10, 2023, a motion hearing was held. The CRT requested more time to consider whether Mr. Hinkle should be returned to the community. A review hearing is scheduled for June 12, 2023. The Office of Corporation Counsel will continue to monitor this case.

Daniel R. Williams

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 1995CF1197

Mr. Williams remains at Sandridge Secure Treatment Facility (“Sandridge”) pursuant to the agreement reached by Mr. Williams and the State as an alternative to revocation. A review hearing is scheduled before the Court on July 7, 2023. Our office will continue to monitor this case.

Gilbert L. Williams

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2004CI02

An Order for Supervised Release was signed by Judge Repischak on March 31, 2023. The Committee continues to search for a residential placement and has 120 days from that date to identify a residential option for Mr. Williams.

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

9:30 a.m.

Ms. Christman provided the following updates regarding the total number of properties that were sent to HSD for evaluation since the last committee meeting and as of April 21, 2023:

- **MLS Listings**
 - 3/27/2023: 19 single family, 0 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 24)
 - 3/28/2023: 15 single family, 1 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 22)
 - 3/29/2023: 17 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 25)
 - 3/30/2023: 23 single family, 4 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 10 condos (total: 38)
 - 3/31/2023: 25 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 10 condos (total: 39)
 - 4/03/2023: 24 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 7 condos (total: 31)
 - 4/04/2023: 26 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 29)
 - 4/05/2023: 23 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 26)
 - 4/06/2023: 25 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 31)
 - 4/10/2023: 22 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 29)
 - 4/11/2023: 16 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 23)
 - 4/12/2023: 24 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 27)
 - 4/13/2023: 26 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 31)
 - 4/14/2023: 32 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 36)
 - 4/17/2023: 14 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 15)
 - 4/18/2023: 14 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 16)
 - 4/19/2023: 16 single family, 4 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 21)
 - 4/20/2023: 23 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 28)
 - 4/21/2023: 33 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 39)
- **Grand total: 530**
 - **417 single family**
 - **25 two-family**
 - **4 multi-family**
 - **84 condos**

Ms. Meinert 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 (through the 19th): 356 properties were referred to HSD for evaluation, of which only 28 had not been previously evaluated by HSD for conformity with statutory criteria. Of those 28 properties, 17 met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool. Twelve of the 17 properties exceeded the amount of all the participating vendors' preferred purchase prices for residential properties (maximum amount of \$350,000), so the remaining 5 properties were sent to vendors for consideration. To date, no vendors have expressed any interest in the properties.

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

9:31 a.m.

Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich recapped the discussion from last month's meeting regarding one new vendor was added to the list in February and asked if HSD had a chance to follow up with the vendors to confirm the amount that the current vendor list would be willing to spend to purchase a house. Ms. Meinert said that she would have an answer by next month's meeting.

Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich also reported that the state-wide zoom meeting of corporation counsels regarding Chapter 980 issues did not occur in April. However, he did reach out to poll that group regarding whether other counties have been subject to similar actions as the Order to Show Cause for Finding of Contempt that was filed in Racine County and is awaiting responses. He also informed the committee that the Racine County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council, which is made up of the heads of the 17 municipalities in Racine County, have been discussing the topic of Chapter 980 since the fall of 2022. With their support, Racine County drafted Resolution 2022-96 that requests the State review Chapter 980 to address the negative impacts of 2017 Wisconsin Act 184. It was presented for first reading on March 14, 2023 and was passed after the second reading on March 28, 2023. A copy of the resolution was then sent to the Governor's Office.

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**

9:40 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, May 22nd at 9:00 a.m.**

Motion: Kim Christman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. Seconded by Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Recorded April 24, 2023

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