

Racine County Ch 980 Committee
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Ave
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium
Sturtevant, WI 53177
January 23, 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 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 09:11 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 January 23, 2023, meeting and Minutes from January 9, 2023, meeting reviewed.

Motion: Julie Anderson 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)

9:12 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 hearing on the discharge petition was held on 12/2/2022 at 1:45pm before Judge Gasiorkiewicz. A review hearing is scheduled for 02/10/2023 with a jury trial scheduled for March 21, 2023. A letter regarding a potential placement location to consider was sent to DHS and filed with the Courts on 01/09/2023.

James Levandowski

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

Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option. The Committee on November 4, 2022, sent a report to the Court describing the efforts that the Committee has made in its attempts to locate a residential option for Mr. Levandowski.

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 7th, 2022. A motion hearing is scheduled for March 9, 2023.

James Hinkle

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2012CI01

On December 21, 2022, a motion was made by Mr. Hinkle to return to the community. A motion hearing is scheduled for January 30, 2023.

Danial R. Williams

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 1995CF1197

A petition to revoke order for supervised release was filed on December 1, 2022, and an ATR was filed on December 23, 2022. Mr. Williams filed a Motion to Dismiss on January 6, 2023. A status conference was held on January 9, 2023. The Court reserved judgment on the motion to dismiss. A motion hearing was scheduled for January 30, 2023.

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

9:17 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 January 20, 2023:

- MLS Listings
 - 1/9/2023: 29 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 38)
 - 1/10/2023: 33 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 42)
 - 1/11/2023: 25 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 33)
 - 1/12/2023: 26 single family, 6 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 9 condos (total: 41)
 - 1/13/2023: 23 single family, 4 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 12 condos (total: 39)
 - 1/17/2023: no list
 - 1/18/2023: no list
 - 1/19/2023: 21 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 30)
 - 1/20/2023: 25 single family, 4 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 35)

- **Grand total: 258**
 - **182 single family**
 - **25 two-family**
 - **4 multi-family**
 - **47 condos**

Ms. Goggins did not have an update regarding HSD's evaluations of the potential properties provided to HSD by Ms. Christman.

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

9:18 a.m.

Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich reported that he participated in the state-wide zoom meeting of corporation counsels regarding Chapter 980 issues in January. The group discussed any open court cases, specifically the pending Wisconsin Court of Appeals case involving Kenosha County being ordered to buy or build a placement with the State being responsible for the construction funding. It is expected that a possible decision could come from the Appeals Court this spring or summer.

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.**

There were no discussions that required a closed session; therefore, the meeting remained open for its entirety.

8. **Adjournment**

9:22 a.m.

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

Motion: Julie Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 a.m. Seconded by Kim Christman. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Recorded January 23, 2023

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