

Racine County Ch 980 Committee
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Ave
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium
Sturtevant, WI 53177
July 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, Nancy Ahler from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, and Hannah Christian from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (“DHS”).

1. Convene meeting

The meeting of the Ch. 980 Committee was called to order at 09:02 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 July 24, 2023, meeting and Minutes from June 26, 2023, meeting reviewed.

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

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

4. Legal updates (Office of Corporation Counsel)

9:04 a.m.

Gilbert L. Williams

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2004CI02

An Order for Supervised Release was signed by Judge Repischak on March 31, 2023. Mr. Williams has been classified as a serious sex offender. The Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential placement option. The Committee has until July 29, 2023 to find a residential option for Mr. Williams per statutory requirements. Our office will begin drafting a report to the Court to file by Friday describing the continued efforts that the Committee has made in its attempts to locate him a residential option.

James Levandowski

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2013CI01

A letter regarding a potential placement location to consider was sent to DHS and filed with the Courts on June 27th, 2023. There is a pending review hearing scheduled for August 7, 2023. DHS reports that a plan should be submitted later this week.

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

Michael Fink

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2006CI01

On March 29, 2023, Mr. Fink filed a petition for discharge. The Court has now scheduled proceedings for that matter with a pretrial conference on November 13, 2023, and the court trial to be December 11, 2023. Ms. Christian, at the last meeting, reported that Mr. Fink has recently been found to have violated a condition of his supervised release; however, DHS is seeking an alternative to revocation (ATR) of his supervised release. Ms. Christian reported that they will be proposing that the ATR involve placement at Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center (SRSTC). There is a supervised release revocation hearing scheduled for September 29, 2023. The Office of Corporation Counsel will continue to monitor this case.

James Hinkle

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2012CI01

As previously discussed, Mr. Hinkle has been subject to an agreement pursuant to an ATR and has been residing at SRSTC. On April 10, 2023, the Court considered a motion filed by Mr. Hinkle to return to the community; however, the Community Reintegration Team (CTR) responsible for Mr. Hinkle's placement opined that they did not believe he was ready to return to the community on that date, but they requested more time to consider that matter and requested a review hearing to be held in 60 days. On June 19, 2023, that review hearing was held, but the parties again requested another review hearing. The Court therefore has scheduled another review hearing for July 31, 2023. The Office of Corporation Counsel will continue to monitor this case.

Daniel R. Williams

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 1995CF1197

Pursuant to the agreement reached under his ATR, Mr. Williams is currently placed at SRSTC. A review hearing was held before the Court on July 7, 2023 and the Court ordered his return to the community. DHS then wrote a letter to the Court requesting more time. The Court heard the request at a July 20 hearing and provided DHS 15 days from that hearing to place Mr. Williams. Ms. Christian reported that they are looking at an August 3rd release date. There is a review hearing set for January 5, 2024 to review his community placement. The Office of Corporation Counsel will continue to monitor this case.

Jamerrel V. Everett

Waukesha County Circuit Court Case No: 2004CI01

A petition to revoke order for supervised release was filed on December 7, 2022. On May 25, 2023, the Court considered that petition and at the conclusion of that hearing revoked Mr. Everett's supervised release and ordered he be placed in custody at Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center (SRSTC). The Office of Corporation Counsel will continue to monitor this case.

Dennis Yarber

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2014CI02

Mr. Yarber continues to reside at the Adult Family Home (AFH) where he was placed in June. The Office of Corporation Counsel will continue to monitor this case.

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

9:19 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 July 21, 2023:

- MLS Listings
 - 6/26/2023: no list
 - 6/27/2023: no list
 - 6/28/2023: no list
 - 6/29/2023: 21 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 8 condos (total: 33)
 - 6/30/2023: 27 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 36)
 - 7/03/2023: 25 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 29)
 - 7/05/2023: 15 single family, 0 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 19)
 - 7/06/2023: 21 single family, 1 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 29)
 - 7/07/2023: 35 single family, 1 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 42)
 - 7/10/2023: 34 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 39)
 - 7/11/2023: 22 single family, 0 two-family, 3 multi-family, and 15 condos (total: 40)
 - 7/12/2023: 23 single family, 1 two-family, 3 multi-family, and 12 condos (total: 39)
 - 7/13/2023: 32 single family, 1 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 38)
 - 7/14/2023: 35 single family, 1 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 40)
 - 7/17/2023: 26 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 31)
 - 7/18/2023: 17 single family, 6 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 25)
 - 7/19/2023: 26 single family, 4 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 35)
 - 7/20/2023: 32 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 38)
 - 7/21/2023: 31 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 34)

- **Grand total: 547**
 - **422 single family**
 - **25 two-family**
 - **17 multi-family**
 - **83 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:

June: 590 properties were referred to HSD for evaluation, of which only 40 had not been previously evaluated by HSD for conformity with statutory criteria. Of those 40 properties, 34 met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool. Twenty-one of the 34 properties exceeded the amount of all the participating vendors' preferred purchase prices for residential properties (maximum amount of \$350,000), so the remaining 13 properties were sent to vendors for consideration. To date, no vendors have expressed any interest in the properties.

July: 458 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, 23 met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool. Twenty of the 23 properties exceeded the amount of all the participating vendors' preferred purchase prices for residential properties (maximum amount of \$350,000), so the remaining 3 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**

9:21 a.m.

Attorney Serketich reported that the state-wide meeting of corporation counsels regarding Chapter 980 issues was not held in July and will not be held in August. He also reported that Kenosha County continues to move forward with building at their jail. He will continue to discuss with Kenosha County and monitor.

Ms. Christman reported that Kenosha County just completed a poll regarding how often other county Chapter 980 committees meet and how they process real estate listings. The results are as follows:

- Kenosha County:
 - They meet as a committee once every 6-8 weeks and currently scrape 1x per week (Mondays) but are looking to discuss changing that to 1x every two weeks.
- Walworth County:
 - They are not currently active, but when they are they scrape real estate listings every week.
- Milwaukee County:
 - They meet as a committee every 2 weeks and put together a report a day before they meet.
- Waukesha County:
 - They are currently active and run a report once a week.
- Washington County:
 - They are not currently active, but when they were active, they did not have a automated process so their review of MLS data was not on a regular schedule.

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. Stat. § 980.06.**

No items for closed session.

8. **Adjournment**

9:31 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, August 28th at 9:00 a.m.**

Motion: Attorney Serketich moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m. Seconded by Kim Christman

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Recorded July 24, 2023

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