

Racine County Ch 980 Committee
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Ave
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium
Sturtevant, WI 53177
January 22, 2024 – 9:15 a.m.

Meeting attended by: Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich, Legal Coordinator for the Office of the Corporation Counsel Bethany Heitman (née Tangerstrom), Public Works and Development Services Superintendent Brian Jensen, 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 09:16 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 22, 2024, meeting and Minutes from December 18, 2023, meeting reviewed.

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

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

4. Legal updates (Office of Corporation Counsel)

9:17 a.m.

Gilbert L. Williams

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2004CI02

The Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option. As previously discussed by the Committee, County filed a letter with the Court regarding the continued efforts that the Committee has made in its attempts to locate Mr. Williams a residential option on July 28, 2023.

James Hinkle

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2012CI01

As previously discussed, on August 7, 2023, Mr. Hinkle was found appropriate for return to the community following an alternative to revocation (“ATR”) that resulted in his return to Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center (“SRSTC”). The Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option. The Office of Corporation Counsel sent to DHS and filed with the Court, on Friday December 1, 2023, a letter providing the efforts that the Committee has made to locate Mr. Hinkle a residential option.

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

James Levandowski

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2013CI01

As previously discussed, on August 10, 2023, the Court signed an order approving the supervised release plan and Mr. Levandowski was placed at the residence on August 29, 2023. Mr. Levandowski continues to reside at his placement.

Daniel R. Williams

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 1995CF1197

As previously discussed, Mr. Williams had a review hearing on January 5, 2024 before the Honorable Judge Toni Young. At that hearing DHR requested a six-month extension due to the client agreeing to complete six months of treatment per ATR. Judge Young granted the six-month extension of ATR rules and set a review hearing for March 4, 2024 at 11 am. The Office of Corporation Counsel will continue to monitor this case and notify the Committee of any updates.

Michael Fink

Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2006CI01

As previously discussed, Mr. Fink had a Supervised Release Revocation Hearing on December 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. before the Honorable Judge Robert Repischak. During this hearing the court took testimony and evidence. The Court then ordered that both parties submit briefs by today, January 22, 2024. The Court scheduled an oral ruling on February 16, 2024 at 1:30 pm. The Office of Corporation Counsel will continue to monitor this case and notify the Committee of any updates.

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 2023. The Office of Corporation Counsel will continue to monitor this case and notify the Committee of any updates.

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

9:25 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 19, 2024:

- **MLS Listings**
 - 12/18/2023: no list
 - 12/19/2023: 24 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 33)
 - 12/20/2023: 23 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 31)
 - 12/21/2023: 23 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 29)
 - 12/22/2023: 23 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 32)
 - 12/25/2023: no list
 - 12/26/2023: no list
 - 12/27/2023: 23 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 31)
 - 12/28/2023: 25 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 32)
 - 12/29/2023: no list
 - 01/01/2023: no list
 - 01/02/2023: no list
 - 01/03/2023: 23 single family, 0 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 7 condos (total: 31)
 - 01/04/2023: 28 single family, 0 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 9 condos (total: 38)
 - 01/05/2023: 30 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 10 condos (total: 43)
 - 01/08/2023: 24 single family, 2 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 33)
 - 01/09/2023: 22 single family, 0 two-family, 4 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 28)
 - 01/10/2023: 19 single family, 2 two-family, 3 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 27)
 - 01/11/2023: 25 single family, 2 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 31)
 - 01/12/2023: 24 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 28)
 - 01/15/2023: no list
 - 01/16/2023: 20 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 26)
 - 01/17/2023: 24 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 30)
 - 01/18/2023: 23 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 28)
 - 01/19/2023: 26 single family, 3 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 7 condos (total: 38)

- **Grand total: 569**
 - **429 single family**
 - **34 two-family**
 - **18 multi-family**

- 88 condos

HSD was not present and will report next month.

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

9:26 a.m.

Attorney Serketich reported that there were no updates regarding the monthly Statewide meeting of Corporation Counsels to discuss Chapter 980 issues as the meetings for the previous few months were canceled. Likely, the next meeting is scheduled for next month, February.

Attorney Serketich inquired if there had been any follow-up regarding the new vendor. Ms. Christian stated that she has spoken to him. He wanted to know about statutory rules. HSD will follow-up with him.

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**

9:30 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, February 26 at 9:15 a.m.**

Motion: Kim Christman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 a.m. Seconded by Brian Jensen.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Recorded January 22, 2024

Bethany Heitman (née Tangerstrom) - Office of Corporation Counsel