

**Racine County Ch 980 Committee**  
Ives Grove Office Complex  
14200 Washington Ave  
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium  
Sturtevant, WI 53177  
March 25, 2024 – 9:15 a.m.

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**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 (née Tangerstrom), Behavioral Health Services Quality Assurance Specialist Valerie Strueder, Public Works and Development Services Superintendent Brian Jensen, Racine County Real Property Lister-GIS Manager Kim Christman, 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 9:19 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 March 25, 2024, meeting and Minutes from February 26, 2024, 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)**

9:20 a.m.

**Gilbert L. Williams**

**Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2004CI02**

On February 28, 2024, the Committee Report of Identified Residential Option was sent to DHS and a copy filed with the Court. A review hearing was held on March 4, 2024 and DHS has 30 days to reply with a supervised release plan. A review hearing is scheduled for April 1, 2024 at 1:30 pm in front of Judge Repischak.

**James Hinkle**

**Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 2012CI01**

On Friday December 1, 2023, a letter providing the efforts that the Committee has made to locate Mr. Hinkle a residential option was sent to DHS and filed with the Court by the Committee. The Committee continues to search for an appropriate residential option. On February 1, 2024 a Petition for Discharge was filed by Mr. Hinkle and a review hearing is scheduled for April 18, 2024.

**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**

The Court signed an order on August 10, 2023, approving the supervised release plan and Mr. Levandowski was placed at his residence on August 29, 2023. Mr. Levandowski continues to reside at that residence. The Office of Corporation Counsel will continue to monitor this case and notify the Committee of any updates.

**Daniel R. Williams**

**Racine County Circuit Court Case No: 1995CF1197**

Mr. Williams had a review hearing regarding his ATR on January 5, 2024 before the Honorable Judge Toni Young. At that hearing, DHS requested a six-month extension of Mr. Williams' ATR pursuant to Mr. Williams' agreement to complete six months of additional treatment. Judge Young upheld that six-month extension during a review hearing on March 8, 2024. 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**

Mr. Fink had a Supervised Release Revocation Hearing on December 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. before the Honorable Judge Robert Repischak. Ultimately, the Court ordered Mr. Fink's supervised release revoked on February 13, 2024. 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”))**

9:30 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 March 22, 2024:

- **MLS Listings**
  - 02/26/2024: 16 single family, 1 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 24)
  - 02/27/2024: 17 single family, 2 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 24)
  - 02/28/2024: 15 single family, 2 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 23)
  - 02/29/2024: 14 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 20)
  - 03/01/2024: 24 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 33)
  - 03/04/2024: 23 single family, 6 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 34)
  - 03/05/2024: 18 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 23)
  - 03/06/2024: 21 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 27)
  - 03/07/2024: 22 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 28)
  - 03/08/2024: no list sent
  - 03/11/2024: 28 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 7 condos (total: 37)
  - 03/12/2024: 25 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 31)
  - 03/13/2024: 26 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 30)
  - 03/14/2024: 24 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 29)
  - 03/15/2024: 28 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 33)
  - 03/18/2024: 21 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 7 condos (total: 30)
  - 03/19/2024: 18 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 7 condos (total: 27)
  - 03/20/2024: 23 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 29)
  - 03/21/2024: no list sent
  - 03/22/2024: 23 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 16 condos (total: 42)
- **Grand total: 524**
- **386 single family**
- **39 two-family**
- **8 multi-family**
- **91 condos**

Ms. Strueder 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:

March: As of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 527 properties were referred to HSD for evaluation, of which only 16 had not been previously evaluated by HSD for conformity with statutory criteria. Of those 16 properties, 14 met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool. Fourteen properties were sent to vendors for consideration.

Also, a current vendor did reach out requesting HSD evaluate a property that is not currently listed on the Multiple Listing Network ("MLS"). The property was checked. The current owner has an offer but is waiting on finance. If the offer falls through our vendor will make an offer.

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

9:32 a.m.

Attorney Serketich reported that the monthly Statewide meeting of Corporation Counsels to discuss Chapter 980 issues was held on March 15, 2024 with Milwaukee County attending along with Racine. The participants provided brief updates on current cases.

Attorney Serketich also reported that we continue to look for properties, especially with the 2 new recent vendors.

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.**

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

8. **Adjournment**

9:35 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, April 22 at 9:15 a.m.**

**Motion:** Attorney Motsch moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36a.m. Seconded by Kim Christman.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Recorded March 25, 2024

Bethany Heitman (née Tangerstrom) - Office of Corporation Counsel