

Racine County Chapter 980 Committee
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Ave
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium
Sturtevant, WI 53177
May 20, 2024 – 9:15 a.m.

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), Aging and Disability Quality Assurance Supervisor Natalie Meinert, 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 Scott Timm 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 May 20, 2024, meeting and Minutes from April 22, 2024, 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)

9:20 a.m.

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 was scheduled for April 18, 2024. On April 16, 2024, a Motion to Compel Racine County to

Create Residence was filed by Mr. Hinkle. The scheduled review hearing was held on April 18, 2024 and the Court set it over for a status conference that was held on May 17, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in front of the Honorable Judge Repischak. At the May 17, 2024 hearing, outside counsel appeared on behalf of the committee. During the hearing, the following briefing schedule was ordered: Committee Brief due on June 28, 2024; Response Brief due on September 13, 2024; and a hearing is scheduled for September 30, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

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

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 was held on April 1, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in front of the Honorable Judge Repischak. The Court approved the plan for placement and Mr. Williams was placed on April 30th.

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.

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, ordered to revoke Mr. Everett's supervised release and Mr. Everett was to be placed in custody at Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center (SRSTC) and remains there. 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 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"))

9:27 a.m.

Ms. Christman provided the following updates regarding the total number of properties that were sent to HSD for evaluation since April 18, 2024 and as of May 17, 2024:

- MLS Listings
 - 04/18/2024: 28 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 35)
 - 04/19/2024: 31 single family, 0 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 35)
 - 04/22/2024: 26 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 32)
 - 04/23/2024: 23 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 30)
 - 04/24/2024: 25 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 31)
 - 04/25/2024: 29 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 37)
 - 04/26/2024: 36 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 41)
 - 04/29/2024: 21 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 26)
 - 04/30/2024: 15 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 19)
 - 05/01/2024: 15 single family, 1 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 23)
 - 05/02/2024: 25 single family, 4 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 7 condos (total: 37)
 - 05/03/2024: 38 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 6 condos (total: 45)
 - 05/06/2024: 29 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 38)

- 05/07/2024: 25 single family, 4 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 33)
- 05/08/2024: 23 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 29)
- 05/09/2024: 23 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 30)
- 05/10/2024: 22 single family, 5 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 7 condos (total: 35)
- 05/13/2024: 21 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 26)
- 05/14/2024: 19 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 24)
- 05/15/2024: 28 single family, 4 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 35)
- 05/16/2024: 33 single family, 4 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 40)
- 05/17/2024: 38 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 47)
 - **Grand total: 728**
 - **573 single family**
 - **57 two-family**
 - **12 multi-family**
 - **86 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:

May: As of May 17th, 362 properties were referred to HSD for evaluation, of which only 22 had not been previously evaluated by HSD for conformity with statutory criteria. Of those 22 properties, 16 met statutory criteria after HSD’s preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool. Twenty-two properties were sent to vendors for consideration.

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

9:29 a.m.

Attorney Serketich reported that the monthly Statewide meeting of Corporation Counsels to discuss Chapter 980 issues was held on May 17, 2024 with Milwaukee County, and Dodge County attending along with Racine County. The participants provided brief updates on current cases. During the call, Milwaukee County mentioned that they have an offender that has been open on their placement list since 2022. Dodge County mentioned that they are going through a motion to compel. Their briefing deadline is June 1 with a decision expected June 20. Dodge also mentioned that like Racine County, it has willing vendors but cannot find appropriate locations. Corporation Counsel will continue to monitor Dodge County’s case.

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

9:34 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, June 24 at 9:15 a.m.**

Motion: Natalie Meinert moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Seconded by Kim Christman.

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

Recorded May 20, 2024

Bethany Heitman (née Tangerstrom) - Office of Corporation Counsel