

RICHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER 980 COMMITTEE

June 24, 2019

A meeting of the Richland County Chapter 980 Committee was held at 1:00 p.m. on June 24, 2019 in the Main Conference Room of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Members Present: Tracy Thorsen, Mike Bindl, Benjamin Southwick, Scott Timm (by phone), and Mary Collins Johnsrud.

Members Absent: Lynn Newkirk.

Others Present: Meghan Rohn.

Approve Agenda and Posting: Motion by Benjamin Southwick, seconded by Mike Bindl to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

Approve May 28, 2019 Richland County Chapter 980 Committee Minutes: Motion by Benjamin Southwick, seconded by Mary Collins Johnsrud to approve the May 28, 2019 Richland County Chapter 980 Committee Minutes. Motion Carried.

Consideration of Housing Options for Impending Release of Sex Offender: Tracy Thorsen reported that she spoke with Dale Servais who is in the process of purchasing a property located at 27825 Anderson Lane, Ithica, WI 53581 that meets the necessary criteria, and he intends to have a signed offer to purchase today. Mr. Servais will provide a copy of the offer to the committee and as long as offer goes through it appears this would serve as a suitable residence. Discussion was held regarding whether there is anyone currently living on the property or not, however this was unable to be confirmed. Tracy Thorsen noted Mr. Servais did not feel he would be able to close on the property before the beginning of August.

Discussion was held regarding the next steps in the process now that this property has been identified. Scott Timm explained that he has been in contact with Mr. Servais, however they have not yet discussed lease agreements. Mr. Servais has requested to speak with other landlords who have been through this process and Scott Timm was able to pass contact information along for one other landlord that was willing to speak with him. If this does in fact turn out to be a viable property it will need to be confirmed in a written format that the landlord is willing to enter into a lease agreement with DHS and the committee will be able to move forward with submitting their report. Once the lease is secured the committee will have met its obligation. Scott Timm requested that Tracy Thorsen email him the address of the property. It was noted that Mr. Sugden is being released tomorrow to the residence that was established in Ashland County, however once the lease in place in Richland County Scott Timm will submit an amended supervised release plan requesting he be moved back to Richland County. Tracy Thorsen noted she will forward the offer to purchase to Benjamin Southwick once it is received.

It was also noted that the state has been asking counties to report the costs associated with trying to locate placements for these individuals and very few counties have been successful in finding placements. If this committee is successful, it should be considered a job well done.

Adjourn: The next meeting was scheduled for July 10, 2019 at 1:00pm in the main conference room of the Community Services Building. Motion by Benjamin Southwick, seconded by Mike Bindl to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Rohn

Confidential Administrative Secretary