

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Housing Sexually Violent Persons Meeting
Thursday, August 19, 2021
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

Chair Carlo Nevicosi called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

The following members were present: Chair Carlo Nevicosi, Director-Health and Human Services (HHS) and Superintendent of Institutions; Vice Chair Michael Cotter, Corporation Council/Director-Land Use and Resource Management (LURM); Director-Information Technology (IT) Jackie Giller; GIS Supervisor/Land Information Officer Dale Drayna; HHS Administrative Analyst Lisa Kadlec; Deputy Director/County Conservationist-LURM Lindsay Motl; and Corrections Field Supervisor Penny Vogt. Contract Specialist-Advanced Supervised Release Program Bureau of Community Forensic Services Angela Serwa was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance

County staff: County Administrator Mark W. Luberd; Geographic Information System (GIS) Analyst Ben Hostetler; and Deputy Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) Trista Piccola.

Members of the Public: Scott Timm, Contract Specialist for Department of Health Services (DHS.)

On motion by Director-Information Technology (IT) Giller, second by Geographic Information System (GIS) Supervisor/Land Information Officer Drayna, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Director- IT Giller, second by Health and Human Services (HHS) Administrative Analyst Kadlec, the July 29, 2021 Housing Sexually Violent Persons meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

Unfinished business

7a. Task Updates regarding Housing Options for 980 Sexually Violent Persons

Chair Carlo Nevicosi gave a brief summation of the previous meeting, reiterating that a place of residence had not yet been established. He asked whether any committee members had updates to provide. Corrections Field Supervisor Penny Vogt stated she left messages for one of the landlords discussed during the previous meeting, but has been unsuccessful in speaking with him. Vogt also contacted an additional landlord to discuss the possibility of purchasing a property to lease to the state. This lead failed due to the landlord having been unsuccessful in finding a property to purchase within their budget.

Nevicosi requested Scott Timm, Contract Specialist for Department of Health Services (DHS) describe his role within this committee. Timm stated he will consult and provide feedback regarding previous experiences in placing supervised clients. Timm shared a list of landlords that DHS has worked with in the past, that are willing to rent to a Chapter 980 offender.

Geographic Information System (GIS) Supervisor/Land Information Officer Dale Drayna shared that after the last meeting he utilized a realty website to find properties that fit within the parcels identified as having met the initial statute requirements. This search resulted in 12 properties that are currently on the market. Nevicosi proposed moving into closed session to discuss the 12 identified properties, and create a list to share with possible landlords.

8. The committee convened in closed session **at approximately 1:18 p.m. on motion and second by Director-IT Giller and Vice Chair Cotter** pursuant to the exemption contained in Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session,” relative to the item(s) listed below. A roll call vote was conducted and all members present voted “aye.” County Administrator Mark W. Luberd; Deputy Director HHS Trista Piccola; and GIS Analyst Ben Hotstetler remained in closed session. Contract Specialist for DHS Scott Timm remained on the telephone.

a) Community placement options for Anthony Teifke

The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:09 p.m. on motion and second by Vice Chair Cotter and HHS Administrative Analyst Kadlec.

Nevicosi stated seven properties having met the initial placement requirements were identified for sale. Prior to the next meeting a list of these seven properties will be shared with the landlords Timm identified; in order to engage any interest in purchase. Nevicosi also asked that Drayna provide available vacant parcels for the next meeting. Nevicosi plans to formalize a strategy to move forward, given initial efforts to find placement have not yet been fruitful. Drayna stated he will continue to talk with a contact at Keefe Real Estate in hopes they can facilitate the search for additional properties.

Confirmation of next meeting date and time: The next meeting was confirmed for September 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion and second by Director-IT Giller and Deputy Director/County Conservationist-LURM Motl, Chair Nevicosi adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Submitted by Jennifer Stinnett, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes were approved by the Housing Sexually Violent Persons Committee at the September 2, 2021 meeting.