



Providing quality, innovative and cost effective services that safeguard and enhance well-being

2024 QUARTER 1 | CORPORATION COUNSEL

SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

		2021	2022	2023	2024
Ch. 51 Mental Commitment Cases (2024 YTD)	Referred and Reviewed:	331	367	341	80
	Committed:	40	28	48	9
Ch. 54 Guardianship Protective Placement Cases (2024 YTD)	Permanent Filed:	77	59	59	10
	Temporary:	43	39	33	10
Ch. 48 Children in Need of Protection or Services Cases (2024 YTD)	Referred and Reviewed:	119	99	106	18
	Filed:	98	81	90	5
Ch. 48 Termination of Parental Rights Cases (2024 YTD)	Referred and Reviewed:	14	19	10	5
	Filed:	24	13	21	2
Ch. 938 Juvenile in Need of Protection	Referred and Reviewed:	114	87	133	57
	Filed:	22	11	32	21
IN REM	Referred:	0	0	48	55
	Filed:	0	0	17	
	Number of Properties Foreclosed:	0	0	3	
COLLECTIONS	Guardianship and Protective Placement:	\$30,600	\$29,675	\$30,128	\$1,260
	Bad Debt:	\$5,319.34	\$5,924.28	\$6,378.87	\$2,565.12

SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Review of junk property cleanup and costs for the county-collaborate with other counties to check on best practices on how this process is handled throughout the state.
- Review of processes in handling of Ch. 51 cases and forms to improve efficiency.
- Year-end destruction and retention of paper files.
- IN REM – work collaboratively with treasurer on refining process. Review process whether properties should be inspected/viewed by P & D and/or Health Dept. prior to starting IN REM.
- Identified that the state had not achieved adoption on 20 post TPR cases over the last two years. Met with Lutheran Social Services (LSS)(state contracted agency) and Dept. of Human Services to develop a plan that would include Corporation Counsel to attend Post TPR Adoption hearing. Eau

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Claire County to be included in a pilot program through LSS in order to expedite permanency between LSS and DHS.

- Met with the Judges to discuss a Truancy Treatment Court instead of current process of handling truancy cases.
- Initiated and completed the removal of County in Eau Claire County Fair Committee.
- Met with P&D and assisted with questions on a potential Conservation Easement.

ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

- Sacred Heart Hospital closing in March: impacts on Mental Health Placements and budgetary implications-a lot more 51 cases diverted to WMHI and other higher daily cost facilities.
- Increase in Jury Trial Requests by State Public Defender's Office.
- Problem of inability to get a State Public Defender appointed in cases, which is prolonging court process and causing multiple adjournments.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES (GREEN / AMBER / RED)

Strategic Priority A: A Healthy, Safe Community

Strategic Initiative: Enhance the health and safety of Eau Claire community members.

Action Item: Identify resources for educating the public and making connections with community organizations by collaborating with internal and external committees and providing training.

Status: Green

- EMS Committee
- Drug Endangered Children Committee
- Child Death Review Team
- Juvenile Justice Collaborating Committee
- Suicide Death Review Team
- Presenter for ECASD Mandatory Reporting
- Quarterly Crisis Meetings
- 980 Committee to locate housing for CH. 980 individuals
- Overdose Death Review Team
- Criminal Justice Collaborating Council

Strategic Priority B: Quality and Meaningful Relationships

Strategic Initiative: Attend and contribute in external and internal opportunities in the community.

Action Item: Create and develop solutions to issues in our community with internal resources and community organizations.

Status: Green

- Leadership Eau Claire presentations
- Multi-Disciplinary Team
- Youth Leadership Eau Claire

Strategic Priority C: Robust Infrastructure

Strategic Initiative: Improve efficiency and performance of County operations through automation and data-driven decision-making.

Action Item: Board education/access of county information resources

Status: Green

- Presentations to city council and county board members regarding county government
- New employee orientation
- New board member orientation
- Ethics/Code of Conduct presentations and training

GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Assist Child Support in developing an Admin Manual to increase efficiency.
- Develop method for conveying performance data in a more meaningful report.

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