

## 2024 QUARTER 2 | CORPORATION COUNSEL

### SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

		2021	2022	2023	2024
Ch. 51 Mental Commitment Cases (2024 YTD)	<b>Referred and Reviewed:</b>	331	367	341	224
	<b>Committed:</b>	40	28	48	15
Ch. 54 Guardianship Protective Placement Cases (2024 YTD)	<b>Permanent Filed:</b>	77	59	59	34
	<b>Temporary:</b>	43	39	33	27
Ch. 48 Children in Need of Protection or Services Cases (2024 YTD)	<b>Referred and Reviewed:</b>	119	99	106	44
	<b>Filed:</b>	98	81	90	41
Ch. 48 Termination of Parental Rights Cases (2024 YTD)	<b>Referred and Reviewed:</b>	14	19	10	5
	<b>Filed:</b>	24	13	21	5
Ch. 938 Juvenile in Need of Protection	<b>Referred and Reviewed:</b>	114	87	133	86
	<b>Filed:</b>	22	11	32	21
IN REM	<b>Referred:</b>	0	0	48	55
	<b>Filed:</b>	0	0	17	22
	<b>Number of Properties Foreclosed:</b>	0	0	3	0

### SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- IN REM – Filed on 22 of the original 55 referred, hearing on 12/20/2024.
- Completed the update of the bylaws for the Fair Committee.
- Advising on land issue with tribal member for Planning & Development.
- Advising Hwy department on highway connection and right-of-way permits related to development.
- Reviewing County’s authority to fund community agencies.
- Reviewing HIPAA Policy.
- Advising airport with real property disputes.
- Reviewing Emergency Management Plan for Planning and Development.
- Working on revision of Truancy process with DHS issuing citations v. filing petitions. County Ordinance amendment would be required.

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- Working with P&D/Recycling coordinator to review recycling practices and contracts.
- Drafted Ham Radio contract to allow them to put antennas on Towers located on County property.
- Requesting attorney fees in jury trial cases in Ch. 55, Ct. ordered \$5040 in July on one case.
- Developed Military Policy for Eau Claire County under USERRA Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act for Human Resources Committee to adopt.
- Assist Finance and Budget Committee with review of finance policies and budget process.
- Review of County's Record Retention schedule in Code.
- Continue to seek solutions through collaboration with district attorney and public defender's office regarding the issue of public defender's office unable to appoint in every case type-no resolution to this matter.
- Administrative staff cross training.
- Reduction of printing for cases and other office activity for cost savings.

## ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

- Increase in Jury Trial Requests by State Public Defender's Office, causing request for court appointed attorneys.
- Problem of inability to get a State Public Defender appointed in cases, which is prolonging court process and causing multiple adjournments. Motions filed to have court appointed attorneys and the State Public Defender to reimburse the County. Started tracking cases in which public defender was unable to appoint, currently unable to appoint 61 times since January for hearings scheduled with our office.
- Budget cuts- reduction in levy request.
- Problems in finding placement for individuals under Ch. 48 (Juvenile) and Ch. 55. (Guardianship/Protective Placement)
- Increase in Chapter 51 cases (Mental Commitments) transferred to WMHI (increased cost).
- Gunderson Lutheran increased their mental health bed from 22 to 26.
- Junk property clean-up: Towns cannot afford to pursue through tax assessment due to cost and Planning & Development not able to fund through their budget.

## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES (GREEN / AMBER / RED)

**Strategic Priority A: A Healthy, Safe Community**-Enhance the health and safety of Eau Claire community members.

**Strategic Initiative:** Explore and commit to community collaboration to enhance the health and safety of 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

**Status Amber:**

- Court Commissioner Uniform Interstate Family Act Presentation -Child Support Interstate Enforcement and Modification of Interstate Action
- CIT training-Crisis Intervention Team- Provided training to law enforcement on Ch. 51 (mental commitment) process and updates

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**Strategic Initiative:** Individualize mental health services to vulnerable populations.

**Action Item:** Resources and collaboration to support Community Health Improvement Plan initiatives for mental health.

**Status: Green**

- Crisis Urgent Care and Observation Facilities Advisory Committee with Wisconsin Department of Health Services.
- Wisconsin Legislative Council Study Committee on Emergency Detention and Involuntary Commitment of Minors.

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**Strategic Priority B: Quality and Meaningful Relationships**-Grow meaningful relationships internally and externally.

**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**

- Assist with Dunn County Corporation Counsel interviews.
- Multi-Disciplinary Team.
- Youth Leadership Eau Claire

**Status: Amber**

- Present at Adult Protective Service Conference in October regarding residency issues.
- Present at Court Commissioner Conference in October on Child Support UIFSA (Uniform Interstate Family Support Act).

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**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**

- New employee orientation
- New board member orientation

**Action Item:** Improve data-driven processes that are measurable, and processes are accessible by the public (improve performance metrics and reporting)

- Revised Performance Management Metrics to more accurately reflect our outcomes

## GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Review processes and procedures to identify ways to reduce expenditures within the County.

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