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Dane County Board Supervisor Heidi Wegleitner  
via email to: [Wegleitner.Heidi@countyofdane.com](mailto:Wegleitner.Heidi@countyofdane.com)

Re: Request for Records

Dear Supervisor Wegleitner:

I have been asked to respond to your recent request for records (attached).

Enclosed are the interview questions asked the candidates for the Director of Dane County Department of Human Services, but your request for notes from the interviews is denied because Wis. Stat. §19.32(2) defines notes prepared for the originator's personal use or by the originator in the name of a person for whom the originator is working as falling outside the scope of Wisconsin's Public Records Law. *See also, In re John Doe Proceeding*, 2004 WI 65, ¶ 45, 272 Wis. 2d 208, 680 N.W.2d 792 (citing *State v. Panknin*, 217 Wis. 2d 200, 209-10, 579 N.W.2d 52 (Ct. App. 1998) (concluding that personal notes of a sentencing judge are not public records)). I have a good faith belief that the notes taken during the interviews meet this exception to the open records law.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(b), I am required to inform you that if you disagree with any determinations contained in this email, you may seek review by mandamus under Wis. Stat. §19.37(1) or by application to the attorney general or a district attorney.

Sincerely,

Dan Lowndes  
Risk Manager &  
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Enclosure

cc: Greg Brockmeyer (via email)