



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Telephonic TEAMS meeting Date: 6/4/2022 Time: 1000

Teleconference details: Meeting will be conducted in TEAMS and invite sent out.

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Superintendent Thrasher__ Family co-chair Devorah Harris_____

Facility/council secretary: Erika Schlund_____ Family secretary, if applicable: _____

Members present: Jean Anderson, Caroline Melhuish

Non-council member attendees: SGT. Devon Burnett, Christi Marcil, _____

Agenda

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Recruitment of new LFC members and Welcome new members	Devorah Harris has volunteered to be the Co-Chair and still looking for volunteers for Secretary and Statewide Family Council	We will continue to recruit for more members. There are flyers and announcements posted throughout the facility. We are still in need of a family secretary.
EFV's	Goal is to have them opened and filled middle of month. New paint, furniture etc.	EFV's have been freshly painted, cleaned out and new furniture and living items have been ordered. Estimated opening of at least one EFV is the middle of June.
In-Person Events	At this point we do not know when they will resume.	We are still awaiting direction from Headquarters. This must follow the governor's Safe Start plan.

New business

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When will Church Services be resumed	These have been resumed already	Church services have been resumed to Sundays and are no longer taking place on Mondays.
EID Feast	Rescheduled due to lunar calendar and it will be in July 9th	The EID Feast was originally scheduled in September, however, due to the Lunar Calendar it was rescheduled to July 9.
Resources	With a family releasing soon I am disappointed in the lack of resources provided by the counselor/facility; MH referrals, school pamphlets, transitional housing, employment etc.	There are several resources given to incarcerated individuals who are looking at upcoming release. Here is the list of resources and people/groups the Counselors work with on getting release resource information for individuals on their caseloads:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAT program (assistance with setting up medication appointment) • Mental Health for community providers • 211 websites for up-to-date community information on jobs, food, clothing, etc. • DSHS • CI Reentry Program • Education Navigators • Reentry Navigators and Community Housing Specialists <p>Depending on the situation, the Counselors will look up resource information on the internet for the individual in the community they are releasing to.</p> <p>There is also a resource room in Alpine that many I/I's use to access information.</p>
Upcoming and Status	CPPC Events,	<p>Next events:</p> <p>Day with Dad 6/11/2022</p> <p>Pacific Islander Event 7/14/22</p> <p>Juneteenth 6/23/22</p> <p>Black History event 6/25/2022</p>
Hot water in the buildings	There has been problems with the hot water tanks going out	Maintenance has been notified and working on it. Parts are being ordered to fix this issue.
Cold Shack	Could this be brought back as an incentive	At this time, we will not be opening it. There is a possibility in the future that we will look at it again however, there are changes to be implemented before reopening.
Commissary	There were many price increases for commissary and the I/I's only make a certain amount a month.	From the Deputy Director over Correctional Industries: The Correctional Industries Incarcerated Individual Services division functions to meet the needs of the statewide incarcerated population. We are focused on continuous improvement and offering the highest quality product at the lowest possible price. On June 1, 2022 a routine commissary kiosk communication was sent to the statewide incarcerated population updating them on the monthly flavor rotations, discontinued items, brand/sizing changes, as well as price decreases and increases. The Commissary program offers approximately 420 items. Of those items there were 14 price decreases and 194 price increases. Every effort continues to be made to mitigate price increases to the population

		<p>which include cost avoidance initiatives and sourcing alternative products. Unfortunately, we continue to experience unprecedented price increase notifications from almost every vendor and manufacturer that supplies our central distribution centers. In June 2021, the average priced item on commissary was \$1.89. By comparison, June 2022, the average priced item is \$2.01 which is an overall increase of 6.34%. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index increased 8.5 percent for the year ended March 2022. This increase was the largest 12-month increase since December 1981. In addition to this, the rising costs of energy and fuel are heavily impacting the overall cost of all materials.</p>
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Roundtable open discussion:

Facility needs: We currently do not have a list for facility needs, however, there could be a list with resources and frequently used items for the facility. If someone is wanting to donate items, they could refer to this list.

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Comments: _____

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