



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Virtual Teams Meeting

Date: August 6, 2022 Time: 10:00-12:00 p.m.

Teleconference details: Virtual Teams Meeting

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Captain Ina McNeese Family co-chair: _____

Facility/council secretary: Desiree Stutheit Family secretary, Josephine Johnson

Members present: Josephine Johnons, Amanda Corner, Danica Seavoy, Diane Durall, Diane Pasta, Heather Dockery, Kendra Wynn, Ryan Swanek, Samantha Ice, _____

Non-council member attendees: Ina McNeese, Paula Chandler, Melida Ferrell, Elke Jackson, Leslie O'Conner, John Padilla, Heather Trenk _____

Agenda

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points (questions)	Next Steps (responses)
COVID Captain McNeese	Updates on COVID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have 28 cases out of TRU B-Unit. The 35 includes the 1 from WSR A-Unit, and some violators that came in positive or turned positive when they got here. - There should be roughly 17-18 that will be tested on Monday for discharge from Isolation back to B-Unit. They will need to be symptom free for about 48 hours and have a negative rapid test. If we go by the numbers, yesterday, we had 10 in ISO that were potentially up for discharge, 6 tested negative and discharged. 1 refused and wanted to stay, and 2 tested positive on the RAT, and 1 still had symptoms. So, if we follow that same path, roughly 10-12 should discharge on Monday back to TRU. They will go to the same cell they came out of. - There are about 140 left on Quarantine on TRU B-Unit, not including those who returned from Isolation. Those that returned are no longer at risk, but still are on a quarantined unit and treated as quarantine for unit operations. - WSR A Unit released from quarantine on 8/1/22 - staff testing 2 times a week
Medial Information Elke Jackson	Updates regarding medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Trying to come up with creative ways to have more access to provide medical care at TRU. Added a new provider which equals more appts throughout the day. As of right now no sick call during count times, looking to try the possibility of having sick calls and staying at Health services during count. For sick call, the I/I needs to sign up the night before, which started several weeks ago.
Cable Cpt McNeese	Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recently performed an engineering review of the Inmate cable TV system at TRU. The engineer performed a site review and determined the system is so old and degraded it cannot be "repaired" or upgraded it needs to be completely replaced. A design was created and a quote developed for each living unit at TRU.

		<p>Total for the four TRU living units: \$1,443,096</p> <p>Break out for each housing unit at TRU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor: \$260,000.00 • Materials: \$ 44,550.00 • Equipment: \$ 9,600.00 • Travel: \$ 7,424.00 • LV Scope: \$ 39,200.00 • Total \$360,774.00 + WSST <p>This price is only for the four TRU living units and does <u>not</u> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRU main Admin support building • IMU / Seg • MSU living units • SOU Core living units • SOU Expansion units • WSR living units • Any upgrades to cabling across the MCC campus • Any front end work in the IT building <p>MCC's Cable TV is a "system" where work at one unit creates effects on the signal fed to other units on the system. To be successful work on any unit will require all the units be brought up to current standards. Extrapolating from the budget above a reasonable amount to upgrade the MCC inmate cable TV system to current standards would be \$4,750,000 + WSST. The question of funding will largely depend on the Governor's Budget plan expected to be announced in December 2022. If included, this project would be added to the FY2023 Facility Maintenance Package.</p>
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Visits Cpt McNeese	Update	Continued 3 hour visit, no new updates on different drinks.
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Community Involvement Program Heather Trenk	Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Continue with family services to have family friendly events for August. -starting with current programming, and will try to explore and expand new programs to bring into TRU -Back to school backpacks & lunchboxes, low turn out so items will be mailed home instead of pick up. - Volunteers are coming back in and the I/I are able to sign up for NA/AA meetings -Service dogs are back at TRU -More yoga coming soon -waiting for HQ to do in person events in the fall around November.
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New business

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Statewide Family Council Danielle White(gone) (Josephine gave report)	Update From Statewide Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget request program enhancements (some from last year request) - Funding for WA One - Sentencing calculator challenges, should not be done in writing on the back of the J&S - Violator Medical care

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virtual court hearings - Normalization of amend - Proactive equity and anti-racialism to work on a pair plan to decreasing racial disparity and improving anti-racialism across the facilities - Funding for improving the delivery of the health care - Addiction delivery care throughout not just at beginning or end - 2nd reception center to reduce time spent at Shelton and away from the parent facility - Community correction amend coach program - CI - improve food option to increase protein and less carbs for people who are diabetic and those who opt in from general population - Other not mentioned but being worked on <p>-IITS - new securus tablets</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Install 6/20-10/13 b. ITS/Phones Go-live 10/20 c. Tablets Deployment 10/25-10/27 d. Tablets Go Live 11/03 e. Terminals/SVC Go Live 11/01-11/03 <p>-Will have DOC & Securus teams on site to assist when tablets go live</p> <p>-Safe Start - Safe start update around the 15th of each month</p> <p>-Information added on the website for the new visit application to invite new visitors to become part of the LFC visitors.</p> <p>-Photos - extended through the end of the fiscal year, IIBF fund used to pay for them</p> <p>-Vending machines - drinks? This will be checked into</p> <p>-Vaccine - 100% vaccine staff, 50-60% of I/I population</p> <p>-Gratuity - RCW 209.100, CI skills to technical skills to get a job. Soft skills keep jobs, ex: working with others</p> <p>-Working to increase \$40 gate money, not enough</p> <p>-Willing to explore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inequality of jobs Food service class 2-3 positions Yearly evaluation, Regular inflation not waiting <p>10-15 years to change</p> <p>-Policy new cultural policy Fredrick Ivey -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family involved? - staff, outside stakeholder, Started before covid I/I involved - yes Group feedback <p>Lodging assistance - Gas expenses -reimbursement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forms on website with link Apply before visit pays up to \$50 <p>ListServ to get updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications Email surveys
Cpt McNeese	Elections	Two volunteers applying for LFC Co-Chair (both interim and permanent) Current nominees (volunteers) for LFC Co-Chair – Amanda Corner and Josephine Johnson

		<p>I'd like for you all to consider either nominating or volunteering for the following positions:</p> <p>LFC Co-Chair LFC Co-Secretary Statewide LFC Representative</p> <p>Please send names of volunteers or nominees to myself and/or Desiree Stutheit.</p> <p>Local Family Council elections must be conducted by October 31, 2022. This will be for LFC Co-Chair, Co-Secretary, and an SFC Representative, who will take office, effective January 1, 2023.</p>
Family Questions/Comments	<p>Programming/Classes - Guys are being asked if they are interested in classes, and will sign up for them but then they never happen. Examples: road flagging, enterpretuner.</p>	<p>McNeese doesn't have CPM Cohn available to answer this fully. Knows that the Flagger course was being managed by one of our Classification Counselors at one time. McNeese will defer this until can get a concrete response.</p>
	<p>Vine system - Notification goes out for what reasons? Medical appts, EFV's, IMU, are there other times when people who are signed up for the notification would get notified?</p>	<p>Washington State partnered with Vinelink.org as a process for crime victim notification when the incarcerated person moves from a facility. This is directly tied to OMNI and unfortunately each time someone departs on an escorted leave, EFV or facility transfer. If you are receiving these notifications and do not want them, I encourage you to go to the Vinelink website to change your notification criteria.</p>
	<p>Window Coverings - What is the reasoning for them to need to be taken down by 9pm? The understanding of the curtain will need to be returned October 1st, why is it not an option to keep them year round to help keep out the cold in the winter, specially overnight as it helps keep the heat out in the summer?</p>	<p>The window coverings were meant to be a barrier for the direct sunlight during excessive heat. The reason we asked them to be moved to the open position at night is for safety purposes. The ambient light that filters into the rooms after dark makes it possible to see into the rooms from the tier for the purposes of tier checks and counts.</p> <p>Will talk to leadership regarding winter.</p>
	<p>Visiting rooms - Children are not allowed to play with toys, even though adults can play with card games. Why can't a few toys be picked to play with at the table, then put in a container to be cleaned after the visit, before the next session?</p>	<p>McNeese is going to forward this to HQ for discussion</p>
	<p>Rec & Yard - Alternating rec & yard at the same time to allow different cohorts to have more options. Examples: A goes to yard and B goes to rec, then next time it</p>	<p>The TRU schedule does accommodate rotation alternately. The reason we do not run Recreation Yare and Gym at the same time is staffing. TRU has an on-going request to add two additional Full Time Employee (FTE) positions so that we could provide access simultaneously.</p>

	switches, same with C goes to yard and D to rec then switch. This would give 4 rec/yard times instead of 2 and would allow workers more options	
	Jpay players - Why are players not allowed in the gym anymore?	This has been discussed in a number of places. Currently, our Operational Memorandum limits the Players to Unit Dayrooms, and Recreation Yard.
	Min custody unit wings - How can we get the dayrooms open from 2100 count till 2250 count like other min custody facilities?	MI3, long term min. McNeese is going to check with other facilities about time scheduling and work with Josephine on this topic, will update when there is more information.
	Incentive program for infraction free I/I - Ideas: weekly snacks, patio time, extra rec time, ice cream, jpay players in the gym	Our Incentive Program will kick off on September 1, 2022. This is for individuals at TRU. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - infraction free - all program requirements - orange tag on ID - separate from fundraisers

Roundtable open discussion:

Next meeting location: Teams _____ Date: October 1, 2022
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm _____

Comments: Stability Program - recycling materials were used to make beautiful art & donated to cancer charity, will be looking to expand the program.

The bike program at WSR have been able to keep the bike restoration going along with repairs. At the National Night Out event there were drawings for bikes that were 2 given away that were repaired, including 3 families who were able to come get bikes from the facility.

Cpt McNeese is going to try and have Keith (last name) come to explain and give more information about the new tablets the population are getting. _____

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