

FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Washington Correction Center (WCC)/Teleconference Date: Saturday October 08, 2022

Time: <u>10:00 am</u>

Teleconference details: Microsoft TEAMS +1 253-372-2181, Phone Conference ID: 432 946 336#

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility co-chair: Melinda Kupers- CPM Family co-chair: Vacant

Facility/council secretary: Jennifer Allmendinger Family secretary, if applicable: Vacant

Members present: Melinda Kupers, Dean Mason Jennifer Allmendinger, Felix D'Allesandro, Carol Welch, Barbara Anderson, Helen Russell, Tasha Frazier, and, Curt and Wendy Schindler.

Non-council member attendees: Jay Jackson

Agenda

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
None		

New business

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COVID	As of 10/07/22 104 in isolation 818 in quarantine 1 in intake separation 381 test results received 13 from R3 1 from R5 1 from R6 3 from Evergreen 1 from Cedar 1 from IMU – Intake Separation As of 10/08/22 18 tests this morning were negative.	
Pre-Submitted Questions	When we have in-person visits and are allowed to go out into the courtyard, could we wear our coats? Some of us get chilled easily but would enjoy sitting outside in the very nice courtyard. • Sgt. Bourne said that coats would be allowed	Changes for Safe Start will be sent to group when released.

while in the courtyard. He will update the rules for outside.

Could the incarcerated individuals be rapid tested like we are before in-person visits during the times of quarantine? The rational is that essential workers are given the RATs before being cleared for work, so logically, RATs for the incarcerated could be used to clear them for visits.

 Visiting follows the Safe Start Rules. During a Facility Wide Outbreak, no visiting is allowed. We are unable to make any changes locally. New visit guidelines will be coming out next week.

Why are staff tested weekly rather than daily?

 That is what our current protocols call for. HQ clinical makes the decision.

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

Are men being moved around while on quarantine?

 No. There was one individual that was moved from Evergreen to Cedar and then went to isolation when the test came back positive. Once individuals are recovered, they will move back to their unit.

Additional questions

Why do they test going out of EFV?

- There in an incubation period, so someone may test negative when going in, but could test positive coming out.
- If a family member tests positive, the loved one could go on quarantine.

	We believe the last outbreak started with an EFV.	
	 Our visit was cancelled Friday Will look into this on Monday. If a unit is not on quarantine, we can ask HQ if visiting can go on for that unit. LIC will make the request to HQ and if we get more positive cases visiting will be cancelled. The same would apply for EFV's. 	
	There was a notice that EFV's were being denied at this time. They are not taking requests for new visits. When there is a change you will be notified.	
	IIBF teams at HQ is having their quarterly presentation on the budget on October 26 th at 4 pm. This is an open meeting	
	Were there any ideas on how to spend the IIBF? • There were some ideas turned in and Assoc. Swain will go over them.	October 2022 IIBF Public Meeting Agend
	Will HQ be handling COVID differently since it looks like it is here to stay? • There is nothing definite yet. The CDC will be releasing new guidelines soon. WCC will not be making any changes ahead of CDC.	
Closing	Melinda let the Family Counsel know that this would be the last meeting she will be attending. Last day at WCC will be Monday, October 11, 2022. She will be going to work with Graduated Reentry	

I really enjoyed being a part of	
the Local Family Council.	
Assoc. Bill Swain will take over	
the meetings. Thank you all for	
your grace and patience with	
me. It has been a real pleasure.	

Next meeting location: N/A Date: December 10, 2022 Time: 10:00 a.m.

Comments: Microsoft TEAMS: 1-253-372-2181 Conf ID#155986375

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