

# STATEWIDE FAMILY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

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NOVEMBER 21, 2015

CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES

MEETING CHAIR	Carrie Kendig, Family Services Manager
FACILITATORS	Carrie Kendig
SCRIBE	Bea Giron
ATTENDEES	

### TOPICS

TOPIC	Introduction of the new Statewide Family Council Representatives
DISCUSSION	CRCC- Don Gilbert WCCW- Terri Campbell WSP- Wendy Debinski AHCC- Ellen Woods MCC- Moira O'Crotty CBCC Cari Hagins MCCW- Thomas Jacobs SCC- Verna Westman
ACTION ITEMS	Statewide Representative shall share meeting minutes with their local council.

TOPIC	Discussion with Secretary Pacholke and Deputy Secretary Becker-Green
DISCUSSION	New Organization Chart (handout) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alex MacBain Executive policy Director</li> <li>Work Releases under Re-entree Services</li> </ul> Creation of a DOC Ombudsman to address family grievances Offender change programs- spending all funds Focus on re-entry enabling folks to exist prison and be successful 2nd chance grant in King County focuses housing, mental health, providing cell phones and connecting with CCO before release. Effort to strengthen partnership with private non-profits 2nd piolet will be in Spokane Efforts for transparency  New Fatherhood Grant Second KUBI Camp in Eastern Washington for kids of incarcerated parents
ACTION ITEMS	NONE

TOPIC	Phone System RFP
DISCUSSION	DOC working on a RFP for a new phone provider Family phone survey on line for family feedback Wendy Debinsky- SFC representative to participate in new provider selection process
ACTION ITEMS	Complete survey before December 4 <sup>th</sup> !  The phones survey has been posted! <a href="http://www.doc.wa.gov/family/telephone.asp">http://www.doc.wa.gov/family/telephone.asp</a> And: <a href="http://www.doc.wa.gov/facilities/default.asp">http://www.doc.wa.gov/facilities/default.asp</a>

TOPIC	FCC ruling on phone rate and OBF Summary
DISCUSSION	FCC Rulings (handout) FCC rulings impact on the OBF revenue for 2016 (handout)
ACTION ITEMS	None

TOPIC	EFV Follow up
DISCUSSION	<p>Scott Russell presented the draft policy changes and shared the survey DOC sent to other states using EFVs to get more information about EFV processes.</p> <p>Families were asked for feedback regarding procedures when an EFV tests positive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family did not support bumping a family off the waitlist to make up a visit if the UA lab test is negative.</li> <li>• Families support using EFV cancellation slots to make up a visit if the UA lab test is negative.</li> <li>• Families support allowing the EFV to occur if the UA is positive but if UA lab test is positive, EFV privileges would be revoked permanently.</li> </ul>
ACTION ITEMS	Scott will provide follow up once the survey results are in.

TOPIC	Family Support Functions
DISCUSSION	Belinda led the discussion around family council members supporting facility functions.
ACTION ITEMS	<p>Under current policy Family Council members cannot be DOC volunteers and changing this policy is not an option because of new PREA policy.</p> <p>Families agreed to draft new section to Family Council Policy to support council member participation in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family friendly events and activities</li> <li>• EFV orientation</li> <li>• Family Visiting orientation</li> <li>• KUBI Camp</li> <li>• Providing a Family Council resource Take at Resource Fair.</li> <li>• Cross facility council support</li> </ul>

TOPIC	Next Steps
DISCUSSION	<p>Update Family Council Guide</p> <p>Family Input to the Family Services Policy</p> <p>Provided the CI annual Report</p> <p>Girl Scout Community Troops (Handout)</p> <p>Vending Machines – (Handout)</p>
ACTION ITEMS	<p>Verna Westman, Laurie Dawson and Mona Gilbert will work on a draft of the Family Council Guide and present to member for feedback in January.</p> <p>Followed up on feedback needed on the Family Services Policy Due December 1, 2015.</p> <p>Presented on the Girl Scout Community Troop for children with incarcerated parents and requested council support in getting the word out.</p> <p>Review Vending Machine handouts and bring ideas and strategies to address the vending machine issues.</p>

**Next Meeting to be held on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Agenda Items:**

**SFC elections for family co-chair and family secretary**

Draft Family Council Brochure Review

Clela Steelhammer-Legislative update

Belinda Stewart – Draft policy update for Family Council Support Functions

Keri Waterland- Offender Change programs

Vending Machines changes- strategies (handout encoled)