



## FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time/Location:

January 16, 2016 10 am to 3 pm Correctional Industries 801 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Tumwater, WA 98501

Teleconference Details: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEETING ATTENDEES

Department Co-chair: Carrie E Kendig- Family Services Manager

Family Co-Chair: Don Gilbert

Members: **STATEWIDE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: DON GILBERT - CRCC; TERRI CAMPBELL- WCCW; WENDY DUBINSKY - WSP; ELLEN WOODS- AHCC; MOIRA O' CROTTY- MCC; THOMAS JACOBS - MCCW; PATTY TILFERD-WCC; VERNA WESTMAN- SCCC; PAT REINKENS - CBCC**

**LOCAL COUNCIL MEMBERS: SUZANNE COOK – WSP; SHIRLEY SMITH – WCCW; DIANE SIFRES – SCCC; MORNA GILBERT –CRCC; MIRIAM FRY – SCCC; FELIX D’ALLESANDRO MCC; LAURIE DAWSON –WCCW; DEAN DUBINSKY- WSP; JULIE TACKETT –MCC**

Participants: DEAN WOODS- AHCC; LT. VAAIA GAINES- CRCC; JIM BLOSS -NAMI

Family/Council secretary: Moira O'Crotty

Facility secretary (LFCs only): \_\_\_\_\_

## Welcome

### AGENDA

## Old Business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Meals During Visiting	Rob Herzog Deputy Director of Command A presented a memo (attached) from Assistant Secretary of Prisons Steve Sinclair to all prison staff directing that inmates participating in visits will be served a meal and they may share the meal if they choose with friends and family at the same visit table.  2015_12_16_MealsDuringVisiting.pdf	N/A
Family Council Policy- Family Support update	Council agreed to review draft policy update.  Family Council Policy Draft LFC supj	Council members will provide feedback to draft policy <b>due to Carrie by February 15th.</b> Council will discuss final draft at March meeting
Facility Updates	Updates from 9 facilities (OCC, LCC and CCCC not represented)	Continue to recruit council members to participate on sub-committees

Phone rate changes	<p>Families asked about the date the new phone rates will go into effect. Attachment is information shared at the SFC 11/2015</p>  <p>20160119_160020.pdf</p>	<p>Wendy Dubinsky- SFC representative on the Offender Communications RFP committee</p> <p>The FCC rule was published in the Federal Register on 12/18/15, with an effective date of 3/17/16.</p> <p>It was confirmed that DOC has not provided any communication to inmates about the effective date of the phone rates.</p> <p>Listed below are answers to some questions families had about the phones.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) When do the new phone rates take affect? <a href="#">FCC rules take effect March 17<sup>th</sup> but we hope to lower rates after the contract is signed. DOC is still in contract negotiations with GTL on an amendment to extend the existing contract.</a></li> <li>2) When the new rates take affect will the calls still be limited to 20 minutes? <a href="#">There is no limitation on telephone calls. There is a 30 minute limitation on video visits.</a></li> <li>3) If there is a change in the phone vender will that affect the Jpay players that families are currently purchasing for their loved ones? <a href="#">New phone rates do not impact Jpay players. However, the new contract vendor might have an impact on music service depending on the RFP proposals. We will not be able to determine impact until the proposals are evaluated.</a></li> <li>4) If there is a vender change when will that go into effect? <a href="#">The schedule for the Request for Proposal projects is a signed contract the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>.</a></li> </ol>
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## New Business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Sentence Recalculation presentation	<p>Secretary Palcholke presented power point presentation (attached) and provided a Q&amp;A</p>  <p>1-16-16 Sentencing Recalculation prese</p>	N/A
Legislative Update	Legislative Policy Manger Clela Steelhammer provided a legislative update (see attached)	N/A
Healthcare Brochure for inmates and families	<p>Assitant Secretary Kevin Bovenkamp aslked families to provide input to the update Healthcare Brochures (attached)</p>  <p>Offender Handbook - Health</p>	<p>Please provide feedback to your respective SFC Representative by <b>March 1<sup>st</sup></b>.</p> <p>Representatives please collate feedback and forward to Kevin</p>

Family Council Brochure Update	Morna Gilbert, Laurie Dawson and Diane Sifres presented updated brochure to council for comment and feedback. See attached	Carrie will have the Communications Department review and format draft- Final review by council will be 3-19.
Elections	Don Gilbert was nominated and confirmed as the Statewide Family Council Co-facilitator  Moira O 'Crotty was nominated and confirmed as the Statewide Family Council secretary	

**Round Table Open Discussion**

Next Meeting Date: March 19, 2016

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List of Acronyms:

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