

# Local Family Council COVID-19 Informational Call Notes

## Call Details

**Facility:** AHCC

**Date and Time:** 09/09/2020, 2:00PM

## Attendees

- Kay Heinrich, Associate Superintendent
- Caitlin Robertson, OCO
- Jess Robb, Facility Secretary
- Anita Barker, Co-Chair
- Beth Ann Daigre, LFC Member
- Teresa Golden, LFC Member
- April Chavez, LFC Member
- Ellen Hargrove, LFC Member
- James Key, Superintendent
- Stella Spracklin, OCO
- Donna Jaramillo, Family Secretary
- Kehaulani Walker, LFC Member
- Julianne Presson, LFC Member
- Bill Hargrove, LFC Member
- Rachel Bisbee, LFC Member

If you would like your friend/family member/loved one to be a part of the Local Family Council, please have them write to Jess Robb at the following email address:

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or

**Jess Robb, Facility Secretary**

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To be part of the Local Family Council, one must be on the Incarcerated Individual's approved visitation list, and "any approved visitor in good standing may attend" (policy 530.155). If one is not on the inmate's visitation list and wish to fill an application to become a visitor please, go to the following website:

<https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/incarceration/visiting/prison-visits.htm>

## Weekly Update from Superintendent James Key

- We have 10 I/I in the RCF (Regional Care Facility), 11 in isolation, 30 in quarantine (1 tier in C4), and 11 on intake separation (CCJ and violators).
- We will start serial staff testing Monday Sept 14. Each staff will be tested on a weekly basis. We have a testing room and mapping station, and each staff member has an assigned day for them to be tested. If a staff member tests positive, we will start the mapping immediately.
- Regarding hot meals with CI, we have a target date of Nov. 1. These will be clamshells meals. We are hoping for hot meals for all 3 meals. CI is working on staffing issues, and we will have to re-do our 24-hour movement schedule before this begins.
- There was 1 grievance in the MSU regarding staff enforcing proper masks wearing. There were 4 grievances in the main. These were in regards to K-unit and dayroom restrictions.
- We are hearing that the incarcerated population is upset about some units losing yard time due to adding K unit into the yard schedule. We knew this when we changed the schedule, but it is important to get K-unit some yard time.
- On Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> an email from ICP went to I/I that talks about transferring I/I from CRCC and the testing process of these individuals coming to AHCC.

## Additional Questions

### Question

It says online that there are two positive inmates and 1 positive CO at AHCC, I am not fully understanding when you give the stats.

### Answer

There are 2 positive incarcerated. These are CCJ violators. They are not a part of our population, they come from the jail. We had one more additional staff member that tested positive last week, they are home quarantined and we have already gone through the mapping process. With serial testing starting Monday, I have no idea what that will bring forward.

### Question

The 11 in isolation, do they have access to a phone?

### Answer

Yes they do.

### Question

If a C/O is found positive what process is in place to ensure the safety of the incarcerated with whom this individual may have come in contact?

### Answer

We have quite an extensive mapping process that goes through both staff and I/I that individual may have come in contact with. This involves if they were wearing proper PPE and how long they were in contact with another person, etc.

### Question

Do we have any idea what plans they have in place for visiting?

### Answer

The safe start group at HQ is working through this. Hopefully we will hear something back soon. We will let you know this process as soon as we do.

### Question

Because AHCC has been so good, will the institution open up with how well we've done, or does everyone have to open up at the same time?

### Answer

I am not sure how this will go. I am hoping to hear more information on what this looks like soon. Keep in mind, we still have alternative housing in MSU to keep up with social distancing. This would have to be shut down for us to start up visiting again.

### Question

You mentioned 6 staff have tested positive. Can you verify none of these were transport staff?

### Answer

We did have 1 transport staff that tested positive. We followed the correct mapping process for this individual.

### Question

Seeing as there are outbreaks at Walla Walla and CRCC and 2 positives at AHCC, will there be testing of all the population?

### Answer

I have not heard anything at this point about mass testing the population.

### Question

With the response to the OCO report they provided on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, have you had a chance to read that? It mentioned the population was provided with paper and pencils for I/I to speak with their families, is AHCC doing this?

### Answer

Yes, I have read the Department's response. I'll have to check into this and get back to you next week.

### Question

In the report it says in July of 2020 a group created to plan the reopening of visitation, are you a part of this group?

### Answer

I am not a part of this group.

### Question

There is a SFC meeting on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, Yoshi is attending and will bring an update on visitation from that.

- This was addressed on the notes from 8/26/20 "Yoshi Garcia: I sent an email to the family members. I am part of the state council group that will discuss plans for opening up when it does open up. If family members have any concerns for visiting, please send me, Anita or Donna an email with concerns you'd like me to take forward."

### Answer

Yoshi did notify us two weeks ago that she would be at that meeting and asked for recommendations from the family members.

### Comment

When I speak with my loved one, I remind him of what a great job you guys are doing and to please remind others of that as well.

## Comments/Closing

Regarding staff testing next week, I am hoping for the best. However, with 750 staff that work here we may have some asymptomatic individuals who test positive. We have procedures in place, a mapping group and a testing group. These groups are working with our HQ and we are hoping for the best. Please get your questions in by Tuesday at 12. Wear your mask, be safe, and we'll speak to you next week.