



# FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Teams Meeting Date: 1/13/2022 Time: 1000

Teleconference details: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Meeting Attendees</b>
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Department/facility co-chair: AS: Andrew Sawyer Family co-chair: Elizabeth Deleon

Facility/council secretary: AA3: Alexandra Stevenson Family secretary, if applicable: (vacant)

Members present: Andrew Sawyer (Associate Superintendent), William Copeland (Family Services), Alexandra Stevenson (Administrative Assistant 3), Elizabeth Deleon, Allyson Alexander, Gwen Mclveen, Tasha Haskins, Karlina Tasker, Linda Dawson, Rondy and Alan Alexander, Mary Christine, Beverly Richmond, Branda Raygoza, Loren Taylor, Marcia Corbit, Missy Hunter

Non-council member attendees: None.

<b>Agenda</b>
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**Old business**

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Welcome and Announcements	Andrew Sawyer welcomed attendees.	
Roll Call	Alexandra Stevenson	

**New business**

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
CRCC COVID-19 Status	Andrew Sawyer discussed the current status of the facility. -Currently on a facility wide outbreak. MSU is on cluster status due to staff positives. -Numerous staff positive throughout the facility and statewide -Individuals who are positive are being moved to F unit. -Super quarantine is for individuals who were either cellmates with a positive individual or are experiencing symptoms but not COVID positive. - Working through experience any issues that are occurring during this breakout. Open for questions or comments.	Continue to contain and monitor the current outbreak. Communicate with staff, incarcerated individuals, and family members about the COVID-19 Status at CRCC.

**Roundtable open discussion**

- The website does not match some of the information that is presented.
  - The website is not always updated in real time, we will present the information on the website as official.
- Are there 59 staff who are positive?
  - Those are only the staff who are currently screened or mapped out.

- One big concern is when individuals get their food.
  - Currently making changes and having staff volunteer to help pass out meals. Kitchen has a limited number of staff as well.
- Can we use money for snack and things for individuals? Possibly puzzles.
  - Besides store, it is not something that could happen. Snacks have already started being handed out at dinner.
- How long will the one hour out last?
  - Depends on when we start seeing negative tests come back. A minimum of 20 days. Both staff and incarcerated individuals needs to ensure they are wearing the appropriate PPE.
- Why can the units who do not have any positives come out?
  - Due to the facility outbreak status and following protocol. We are always evaluating where/if we can risk allowing larger cohorts.
- Is there a way to have JPAY messages out to the individuals quicker? It is taking an extended amount of time to get messages.
  - There are key words in messages that require staff involvement. There are also some individuals who are on full time staff involvement. Most messages do go through quickly.
- Timely communication is helpful for both the incarcerated individuals and families.
- When an individual goes to F unit, what happens to the cell mate?
  - They go to super quarantine. They are usually by themselves and spread throughout the pod.
- A lot of people are getting their food cold. They are also tired of breakfast boats.
  - Will look into trying different boat options. There have also been staffing issues with mainline and staff are attempting to help get it out faster. We have added several support staff that help get the meals out and it has helped on most meals.
- Some individuals feel staff are purposely causing them to miss their one hour out. You have staff who are frustrated and take it out on the individual.
  - Will be looking into this. There are many tasks that conflict and it is a complex situation at best to balance it all.
- All volunteers are greatly appreciated.
- Staff need to understand they are taking control away from all the individuals, the incarcerated individuals often get upset when they can't do certain things.
  - The staff are reminded often that these times can cause different emotions for all individuals and to work through situations as best as possible without increasing emotions or conflict.
- Is there any time of mental health check-ins for both staff and incarcerated individuals?
  - CISM has been going out and talking to staff. Chaplains are also going around and talking to individuals. Mental health staff also go out to help and talk to individuals in units.
- It would be nice to see incarcerated individuals be given out more positive BOE.
- Would like to see the movies from EFV used on the movie channel. This is happening at SCCC.
  - We are currently doing this and using the local video store, some movies used at EFV still cannot be shown to the entire population per our licensing contract.
- Why are visits being cancelled throughout February?
  - Headquarters have made the decision to cancel visits through February.
- Thank you for the quick response and information.

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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