



# FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Teams Meeting Date: 1/20/2022 Time: 1000

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

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| <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), Melissa Andrewjeski (Superintendent) William Copeland (Family Services), Alexandra Stevenson (Administrative Assistant 3), Christ Mequet (Health Services Manager 2), Elizabeth Deleon, Allyson Alexander, Gwen McIlveen, Tasha Haskins, Linda Dawson, Mary Mansour, Beverly Richmond, Loren Taylor, Corrine Mason, Kristen Hunt, Kazuko Fowler, and Lisa Rogers

Non-council member attendees: None.

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| <b>Agenda</b> |
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Old business

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

New business

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| CRCC COVID-19 Status | <p>Andrew Sawyer discussed the current status of the facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Currently on a facility wide outbreak at both MSC and MSU.</li> <li>-D unit, E unit, and C unit A pod incarcerated individuals all tested negative at this time. Expanding the cohorts in those units.</li> <li>-MSU has started to see some incarcerated individuals test positive.</li> <li>- Staff continue to test positive and be either screened or mapped out.</li> <li>-Many of the incarcerated individuals have recovered and will be put back into their units.</li> <li>-There was a memo sent to the population about the increase in risk of getting COVID while in prison.</li> <li>-Reviewed the questions received and asked for any further questions. ( see below)</li> </ul> | <p>Continue to contain and monitor the current outbreak. Communicate with staff, incarcerated individuals, and family members about the COVID-19 Status at CRCC.</p> |

## Roundtable open discussion

- Why are individuals being denied the use of the microwave when it is their cohort time to be out?
  - When it is not their cohort's time to be out, they are not allowed to use the microwave. However, they should be able to use the microwave when it is their turn out. I will look into this. If I can have specific instances, it would make it easier to look into.
    - GA was denied access to the microwave and told they can only access water.
      - I don't know if this was due to possible cross contamination, but I will look into this. Thank you.
- Why is there no hot food being provided? What is being done about the meals? The food is not fit for human consumption.
  - There is hot food being provided and it is fit for human consumption. We are also looking into different ways to have the food distributed to help the temperature keep. We are trying to stay away from giving everyone two boats a day. They have also tried to change up what is being served.
- Why are staff unaware of when testing occurs?
  - In out meetings we discuss when and where testing will occur. Supervisors know when this will occur, however, not all custody knows this information.
- Why are JPAY messages being help up?
  - Will look into why this is happening.
- What is the facility doing about mental health? What if an individual is being denied mental health services?
  - They should never be denied mental health services. Individuals can ask for mental health services when custody staff are making their rounds. Medium units can also press the button in their cell to ask the booth officer for help. There is also a resolution process in place for all of the individuals.
- Why is the national guard not deployed at your facility?
  - Our staffing levels are not at that point right now.
- How long is the outbreak going to be for?
  - As far as I know, it is 14 days after negative test. Rapid testing is being done.
- Are EFV movies being played?
  - EFV movies are being played at this time. Not all can be played due to licensing and content.
- What are not all staff wearing the same PPE? Some are wearing hazmat suits while others are only wearing gloves.
  - Not all staff are N95 fit tested so they may be wearing a different type of mask. Some medical staff wear a popper which does look like a hazmat. Unfortunately not all staff follow the PPE. Right now a mask, face shield, gloves, and a gown are required to enter into each pod. There is constant communication being sent out to the staff about PPE.
- What is being done about the aggressive and hostile staff?
  - This behavior has been addressed when it has been witnessed. Staff to staff, incarcerated to incarcerated, and staff to incarcerated have all be addressed. Specifics would also help when addressing these instances.
- Why are they not always getting their one hour out?
  - There are a lot of task that need to be done throughout the day and there is not always a lot of people to do them.
- What is being done about cross contamination?
  - There are donning and doffing stations in every unit between the two pods. There are

temperature checks being done as well.

- Will there be a refund for the weigh cards?
  - This is something that is happening all over the state and will be looked into.
- Why haven't any of the individuals heard about their last test?
  - It is hard to let every one of them know their results. However, if they haven't moved, then they are negative.
- When will the COVID boosters resume?
  - May not be for some time but will look into this.
- Some of the new JPAYs have been delayed in getting to the individuals. Why?
  - I will check with property about getting this taken care of. It may be due to some of the staff being out, but I will check.
- What are the guideline for the quarantine to be lifted?
  - When negative test start to happen instead of positive is when we will move in that directions. We are working with clinical to help make the decision. We are trying to open the facility as fast as we can and as safe as possible.
- Is it the property room who sends out food packages?
  - May be CI and there are a lot of staff who are out from that area. I will look into this.
- Why were video visits being canceled? These are important for families.
  - You should be able to reschedule these now. You can only schedule one visit within 24hrs and this may have been why. If you can correlate with the cohort scheduled out time, that is great, but if not it is not a reason to cancel the visit.
- Is there something you can implement to inform all staff of the changes that happen daily? Maybe do this while staff are coming into the facility.
  - We are not able to do this officially. We have three meetings a day with the supervisors who can pass down the information to their staff.
- Any way to have some limited confidentiality when addressing the issues in the units because some staff have made comments or retaliated against out loved ones.
  - Sometimes this is hard to do because we cant get to everyone with certain information. However we try and keep most of the information classified. This behavior that is described is inappropriate.
- There is a huge problem with the C unit culture.
  - There is a new supervisor in this unit and we encourage individuals to us the resolution process and communicate with staff members.
- There is a lot of confusion as to why individuals who have negative test can not be released from quarantine.
  - We are using rapid test in the facility at this time to test the population. The CDC guidelines are different for correctional facilities. There is constant evaluation eing done as changes occur.

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

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