



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Teams Meeting Date: 06/14/2024 Time: 10:00 AM

Teleconference details: _____

MEETING ATTENDEES

<u>Jeremy Turner, Associate Superintendent</u>	<u>Mary Mansour</u>
Department/facility co-chair	Family co-chair
<u>Alexandra Stevenson, AA3</u>	<u>Karlina Tasker</u>
Facility/council secretary	Family secretary, if applicable

Members present: Jeremy Turner (Associate Superintendent), Alexandra Stevenson (AA3), Perrie Marks, Kristen Hunt, Sonja McCully, Kathie Cummings, Megan Chrisman, Miriam Fry, Mary Mansour, Allyson Alexander

Non-council member attendees: _____

AGENDA

Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps
Welcome and Announcements	Jeremy Turner welcomed all attendees.	
Review of last LFC Meeting Minutes	Meeting minutes for June were reviewed. A copy of these meeting minutes needs to be posted to the website.	Post June's Meeting Minutes to DOC website.
Review of Statewide family Council	A copy of these meeting minutes are posted to the DOC website.	Meeting minutes have been posted to the DOC website.
Books	Books are not allowed to be brought in through visitation, however they can be donated with completed documentation.	Form for donation approval: https://doc.wa.gov/docs/forms/21-966.pdf
ADA Tables	Still looking into what we can do about the tables.	Still having some discussion with facility leadership on this topic.
Yard Lights MSU	Yard lights at camp can be requested. However, it will be a capital project and come at a high cost.	
Tier Rep Members	Tier Rep members will be able to start joining the family council call in October. Will need to work out all the details before then.	Follow up with tier rep members and develop guidelines.
Securus Issues	These issues need to be brought to the statewide level.	
Ice Machine	Would like to see ice machines in visitation. May be able to get tabletop machines.	Look into tabletop ice machines.

Tour	Last week a tour occurred on 8/2/2024 of MSU. Toured visitation and were able to see the changes that are being made. Was surprised by the green grass and would like to see some at MSC. However, we cannot due to the water supply. Overall, was a good experience.	
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New business

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Visitation	Nintendo Switches have come in and are out at MSU. We are still waiting for them to arrive for MSC and hoping within the month. Puzzles in visitation also have so many pieces and cannot be completed in time frame. Unopened puzzles can also be donated with documentation completed. The experiences reported with visitation are more positive in nature thanks to Sgt. Martinez.	Thank you, Sgt. Martinez. Form for donation approval: https://doc.wa.gov/docs/forms/21-966.pdf
EFV Process	At MSU, all food is being emptied into other plastic bags. There is some uncertainty about why unopened packages are having to be opened. Applications for EFV's typically take around 12 weeks to be processed. Each individual case and circumstances can impact the time.	Look into how EFV's are processed at MSU.
Vending	Many members would like to see more fresh food options in the vending. Have heard some facilities already offer more of a market style of vending.	We are going to switch MSC/MSU vendor to a fresh market style similar to AHCC. It is anticipated to in around Dec. 2024.

Roundtable open discussion

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Juneteenth	Event was nice. Pictures were taken, but a kiosk was sent that stated those who did not have present visitors, would not get pictures. Would like to know why these individuals were denied pictures.	Follow up with Superintendent Gains and CUS Leigh for more information.

Holidays	Would like to know what we are doing for the holidays. Possibly share ideas on the October Call.	Send any ideas to Alexandra Stevenson (arstevenson@doc1.wa.gov).
Event Calendar	The even calendar is on the DOC website with the visitation calendar. For the family friendly event in October looking at having two events. One with children, and the other without.	
Western Van Service	Would like to know if the van service is still running.	Will follow up with HQ.
Religious Books	Books can be shipped directly from the vendor to the prison. However, you can send email to Jeremy Turner to speak with Chaplin's.	
Elections	Elections will be held in October for 2025.	Send nominations to Alexandra Stevenson (arstevenson@doc1.wa.gov).

Next meeting location: Microsoft Teams Teleconference Date: 10/19/2024 Time: 10:00 AM

Comments: Thank you for your attendance. Please email Alexandra Stevenson (arstevenson@doc1.wa.gov) with any questions or future meeting topics.

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