

## **FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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### **MEETING ATTENDEES**

Jeremy Turner. Associate SuperintendentMary MansourDepartment/facility co-chairFamily co-chair

Alexandra Stevenson, AA3 Karlina Tasker

Facility/council secretary Family secretary, if applicable

Members present: <u>Jeremy Turner (Associate Superintendent)</u>, <u>Alexandra Stevenson (AA3)</u>, <u>Scarlett Williams</u>, <u>Cynthia Young</u>, <u>Sally Boyle</u>, <u>Ally Alexander</u>, <u>Mary Mansour</u>, <u>Pierre Marks</u>, <u>Rondy Alexander</u>, <u>Gwen McIlveen</u>, <u>Kristen Sheri</u>, <u>Megan Chrisman</u>, <u>Marcia Corbett</u>

Non-council member attendees: <u>Tier Repenstatives: Thomas Butler and Luis Rodriguez-Perez</u>

#### **AGENDA**

#### Old business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps
Welcome and Announcements	Jeremy Turner welcomed all attendees. Introduction of tier reps.	
Review of last LFC Meeting Minutes	Meeting minutes for August were reviewed. A copy of these meeting minutes has been posted to the website.	Meeting minutes have been posted to the DOC website.
Review of Statewide family Council	A copy of these meeting minutes has been posted to the DOC website.	Meeting minutes have been posted to the DOC website.
MSU Yard Lights and Cover	This is a capital project and is still on the list.	Continue to work on getting funding for this project.
Adult only events	Recently two separate events were held: one for adults only and one for families. Staff are working on having more events throughout the year.	
ADA Tables	Working on getting more tables that are ADA friendly. Continue to work on finding funds.	Talking to maintenance to see what options we have.

#### New business

Topic	Discussion/Key points	Next steps
Voting 2025 Local Family Council Representatives.	Mary Mansour will remain the Local Family Council Co-Chair. Megan Chrisman is our new Local Family Council Co- Secretary. Scarlett Williams will remain our Statewide Representative.	Congratulations on your 2025 Family Council positions.

EFV Policy	Do a side-by-side comparison.	Provide information on the next call.
	Flyers have been placed at both MSC and MSU visitation about the switch to fresh market vending. You will be required to create a profile and add money to that profile prior to entering the facility. There are more and better food options. You can also look at the ingredients of each item before buying it. We are also working on getting Pepsi staff to come up and help transfer money from previous accounts. You can also send in the old Debteck cards to the Pepsi address, and they can transfer the money.	call.
Fresh Market Vending	Q: Is there any way to make sure there are more kid friendly options? A: In the fresh market style, there are several options that will be available for kids.  Q: How often does the food get switched? A: They regularly switch out food that is not selling or switch up the options.	Address to send old Debteck cards do: Pepsi-Cola - Central Vending Attn: Dave Miller P.O. Box 2531 Pasco, WA 99302
	Q: You said there will get a little tag, will we be able to put it on a key chain to go in? A: No, I recommend leaving it separate because key chains are not allowed.	
	Q: Is there a time limit for how long we can transfer our funds? A: I will talk Pepsi and see what we can do to get the funds transferred.	
	Q: Is the amount on the card going to be increased? A: Right now, we will not have a set limit unless we begin having	

	issues. We are asking families to be considerate of others and to be reasonable in the purchasing. That should also be helpful for anyone bringing children, to be able to have more money on the account.  Q: What do tier reps do?  A: We discuss issues in the units with other incarcerated individuals. Then we bring the issues forward to the tier rep meetings.	
Tier Representatives	Q: Who attends tier rep meetings? A: Upper management and various management throughout the facility are scheduled to attend.  Q: Do you feel that the issues you all bring forward are being taken seriously and are heard? A: I believe a lot of times they do hear us. We also recognize it takes times to make the changes we want to see happen.  Q: How can the family council members help? A: There are issues that arise at our tier rep meetings and having the family council support us in those issues is nice. The best thing the family council can do is support us. The biggest issue we are currently facing is Securus issues.	Link to LFC representatives:  Contact Family Services    Washington State Department of Corrections
	Q: Is it possible to provide a copy of the tier rep meeting to the family council?  A: We do take minutes, and it would be beneficial to provide those minutes to the family council members. It is also important to get the minutes from the family council to the units.	

Q: When the visiting times changed, did the incarcerated have a hand in changing the time? Was a kiosk sent out to vote?

A: That is true. We aren't sure the results really reflect those that visit and what they wanted, but we were able to vote. There are also a lot of people who say they like the visitation schedule in place.

Q: What is the information that can be sent to families to have them join groups?
A: There are emails located on the DOC website.

Q: How do people get their issues taken care of if they do not know who the tier reps are or have any connection to the family council?

A: An email can be sent to Mary Mansour, and she will help address the issue or get in contact with Associate Turner.

Q: Is there anyway to look at getting a cover for the weightlifting equipment?
A: I can always bring up this information at the tier rep meeting, but I also think it is important to bring it up at the family council level.

Q: Recently there was delegation from Norway who visited, was there any feedback that was given?
A: It was our facilities turn to roll out Washington Way. Staff were informed about what Washington Way would look like at our facility. There are a lot of things we are looking forward to that benefits everyone here at this facility. We are also working

on having more pro-social	
activities with both the	
Incarcerated and Staff.	
Q: The Talent Show was also super awesome to see. A: It was good to see everyone get involved in the talent show. There were lots of different individuals with some great talents.	
Q: What is the conversation statewide around Securus? A: Dropped calls, not receiving calls, down time, and that there is no communication about when people will be at our facility. We also put a list of questions together to get answers from Securus. We have not heard back yet.	

# Roundtable open discussion

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Urgent Care	Q: How do we get our loved ones seen by urgent care? A: We are supposed to have officers complete an urgent care slip and then be sent down to medical. Wait times can take time, but not all officers know the process. Has been at CRCC for 3 or 4 months.	
Pictures	Q: Is there anyway we can get pictures of EFV visits? Some of us only visit when EFV's are scheduled? A: Currently this is not supported for EFV's but the regular visitation. Associate Turner is looking at some options.	Find more information about providing pictures at EFVs.
Visitation Drinks	Q: Why do we want an ice machine if we can't drink out of cups? A: We will look at this process.	Look at the food handling processes in visitation.

Q: We have not heard a	
resolution on people opening	
the food.	
A: We will look at the process	
and talk to the visitation Lt today	
to get all the confusion cleared	
up.	

Next meeting location: Microsoft Teams Teleconference Date: 12/07/2024 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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