



# FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Larch Corrections Center Date: 9-17-2020 Time: 02:00 PM

Teleconference details: Easy-Access Number: 1-800-509-6344 Access Code: 7599561#

<b>Meeting Attendees</b>
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Department/facility co-chair: Supt. Miller/CPM Denny Family co-chair: N/A

Facility/council Secretary: Allison Mitchell Family secretary, if applicable: N/A

Members present: CPPC Nancy Simmons, Allison Mitchell, Corrections Ombuds Gyde Matthias and Stephanie Pino

Non-council member attendees: Mandy Stafford

<b>Agenda</b>
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Old Business

Topic	Discussion/Key Points	Next Steps
Visiting	How and when will visiting be opened?	Visiting will open when all of the prisons are at the same stage of re-opening. There are meetings taking place to discuss what to implement in visiting to keep everyone safe. Visit rooms are being evaluated to see how many people can be safely accommodate, partitions are being developed - visits will be no-contact. No date yet on when everything will be in place and ready to open.
Beading	Residents inquired about the Beading Program	Beading policy has not changed yet. Incarcerated individuals may still order beads from approved vendors. Beads purchased for Native American group can only be used in NA meetings and are not to go back to the units to be worked on. We're still waiting for final word on exactly what will happen from HQ.
Earned Release Time	Family member inquiry if the DOC updating its policy on Earned Release Time due to recent legislation.	The House Bill 1504 regarding ERT was passed June 11, 2020, the latest revision of DOC Earned Release Time DOC 305.100 is 9/21/15. Changes are not implemented on a local level. Stephanie Pino will bring this up at the next state LFC meeting.
Upcoming Events	Back to School virtual event Hispanic Heritage event Asian Pacific Island event	Back packs with school supplies, photo of dad, a letter of encouragement to each child from their dad and a mask sewn by LCC. Two dad's names were drawn and a life casting of their hand will also be sent to their children. Hispanic Heritage event will be held on Sunday, September 20. Asian Pacific Island event will be held on Saturday, October 17.

Fire Threat	No imminent threat of fire but is extremely smoky at LCC now.	LCC has DNR fire crews at Evans Canyon Fire.
Re-entry fundraiser	In August the fundraiser raised i\$1,600 for TV Rental Program to be implemented at LCC.	Fundraiser for September is raising funds for LCC Re-Entry Program.

GTL phones are having issues	Only prepaid calls are going through.	Here is the response from HQ - Please note that it is not uncommon for calls from inmate phones at any facility to be blocked by cell phone providers, do not call lists, and others as the announcement in the beginning is often mistaken for a robo-caller. These are SPAM blocks, and the generally the caller will hear nothing but silence following the "your call is being processed message". If the message that states "your call is being processed" is heard, then GTL has allowed the call to be sent through. GTL does not put SPAM blocks on and cannot take them off, the owner of the phone number being called must work with their own service provider to make it so the calls are allowed to ring through to them. If a person is unable to accept calls, they should call GTL Customer Service at 877-650-4249. Callers should also anticipate some trouble connecting with callers in areas that have been heavily damaged by fires or storms as crews continue to work to restore any damaged communications equipment.
Who can speak about an incarcerated individual's status of GRE approval?	I/I's counselor can look this up.	I/I's loved one was given the name and phone number of their son's counselor.
Can they still order beads?	Yes, from a DOC approved source. However, they need a hobby permit to bead in their room.	Waiting on HQ updated policy for any changes.
Are any local religious programs up and running?	Yes, our religious programs are 100% up and running.	They are up and running but currently there is only contract volunteers coming into the prison.

### New Business

Visiting	Visiting is coming sometime soon.	Safe start team came to Larch to measure visiting room for safe number of occupants and partitions.
State-wide Family Council	Meeting is Saturday, September 19 at 9 a.m.	Stephanie Pino will send out details before meeting.

Next meeting location: LCC LFC meeting via phone conference Date: 9/24/2020 Time: 2:00 PM

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