



FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Location: Larch Correction Center Date: 1-14-2021 Time: 03:00 PM

Teleconference details: Team Video Conferencing and Call-in

Meeting Attendees

Department/facility: Superintendent Miller & CPM Greene Family co-chair: Stephanie Pino-Sanderson

Facility/council Secretary: Allison Mitchell Family secretary: Mandi Stafford

Members present: Nancy Simmons (LCC CPPC) Caroline Melhuish (Family Services)

Non-council member attendees: Heather Williams (LCC PIO), Matthias Gyde (OCO), LaQuesha Turner (OCO) Kelly Bessey, Gossemer Snow (Family), Paige Perkinson (HQ)

Agenda

Old Business

TV Rental Program	LCC is working to get the new TV rental program to capacity during COVID.	The request which was made by Larch Business office for funds to provide add rental TV's was granted and we are purchasing an additional 50 TV's!
Donations	Kelly Bessey asked how to donate to the TV program and other needs.	Requests for donations can be sent to Nancy Simmons CPPC and she will process them though the CPM for approval.
Medicine for I/I during COVID	What's the availability of basic over the counter medicine during COVIC	CPM Greene explained that indigent I/I can get one bottle of ibuprofen and toothpaste once a month as well as franked envelopes for mailing letters. Commissary was distributed 12/24, 1/4 and is being passed out today (1/7).
Bathrooms	Requesting check on bathroom cleanliness including shower function, and soap supplies	CPM Greene reported that there are porters assigned and DOC is also willing to pay volunteers to clean and sanitize the bathrooms. Soap has been given out periodically during COVID and maintenance has checked all showers for proper functioning.
Restrooms	Complaints of long wait for restrooms when having to share restrooms due to quarantines of tiers	The wait for restroom is due to the need to sanitize between each tier usage.
Paychecks for residents	Concerns that I/I are losing pay now due to the quarantine and infection. They should receive compensation for this as they did not contract this illness by their own negligence.	All I/I who are employed will be receiving \$30 a month while not able to work. There are some opportunities to volunteer to work cleaning and sanitizing and I/I who are able to work their regular job albeit less hours will be paid the full \$55 during this time.
PPE	Concern that I/I in the past were written up for wearing PPC supplied by medical.	DOC has mandated at all I/I be provided with one surgical mask per day. The PPE matrix is dictated by DOH COVID guidelines.

Yard Time	Concern about I/I being able to get yard time. This is necessary for well-being, mental health, physical fitness, and fresh air.	Yard was started today with 45 minutes time slots.
Windows in Units	Can the window be opened to provide I/I fresh air in their rooms?	The HVAC works as a system that pushes out old air and brings in air from the outside, open windows disrupt the system.
Phones	The phones are backed up like due to quarantine.	Access to phones should improve as COVID eases up at the facility.
Video Visits	when will video visits resume - as this is meaningful and good for mental health	Video visits will resume when positive cases decrease.
Distancing for I/I	How is Larch logistically adhering to the 6' rule with 219 infected under one roof?	With reduced population, Visit Room being reopened, and COVID positive I/I being relocated to Silver Star Unit LCC is adhering to the 6 foot rule of distancing.
Testing Protocol	There were concerns raised that testing being done without the changing of gloves on many residents.	This will be addressed from a medical and infection control perspective.
Chain and Work Release	Is there any word on a special chain for the residents that are negative and continue to test negative who may be scheduled for work release?	Not at this time, LCC is working on outbreak containment.
Food Service	There were reports of spoiled milk being served to residents at one point. Who is serving the food/meals? Who is preparing them?	No spoiled milk was served but milk left over from breakfast was served to the population Food Service staff are preparing the meals at this time.
Communication	Ms. Sanderson requested LCC resume weekly LFC meetings during the outbreak and if possible have a point of contact at LCC for family members.	We will be having LFC-Covid meetings during the outbreak.

New Business

Safety protocols	What is the testing protocol for residents? What precautions are being taken to make sure residents in recovery are safe to return to their tiers?	During this outbreak the directives are driven by our medical team. Supt. Miller will ask with our PA Shaun Smith to see if he is able to attend next week's meeting.
Recovery from COVID	Where do the residents go when they recover from COVID	Larch is utilizing one unit and alternative housing such as Visit Room, Gym, Day Rooms, and EFV as needed.
2 Man Rooms	Will the residents be able to move back into their 2 man room status?	The goal is to have the resident back where they were living prior to the outbreak.
Internet Service	Any timeline when internet will be back up?	It is being worked on by IT.
Comfort Bags	Family members said that their loved ones really appreciated getting comfort bags during these stressful times.	The bags included: chips, chocolate, mask, puzzle book, antiperspirant, body wash and licorice.
Weekly meetings	Family members expressed thanks that we are resuming weekly meetings during the outbreak.	The next LFC - Covid meeting is January 21, at 3 p.m.

Nancy Simmons	We are offering a smaller fundraiser for the month of January.	There will be four items on the fundraiser. Fried chicken, cinnamon rolls, toothpaste, and body wash with a mesh scrubber.
Covid Amenities	CPM Greene reported on amenities offered by LCC during the outbreak.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily tier rep meetings • Goody bags • 2 fundraisers so far • Jpay installed in visit room • Increased yard time to 2 hours • Pods of residents that stay together. • Written communication daily • Laundry • Extra snacks • No charge for cable TV • 50 more TVs provided for TV

Next meeting location: LCC LFC meeting via Team video or call-in

Date: 1-21-2021

Time: 3:00 PM

Comments: stay safe!

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